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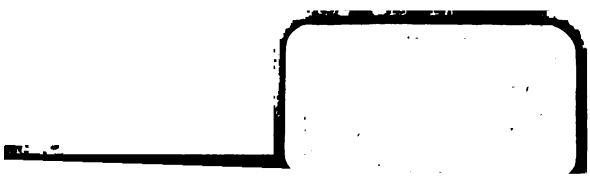
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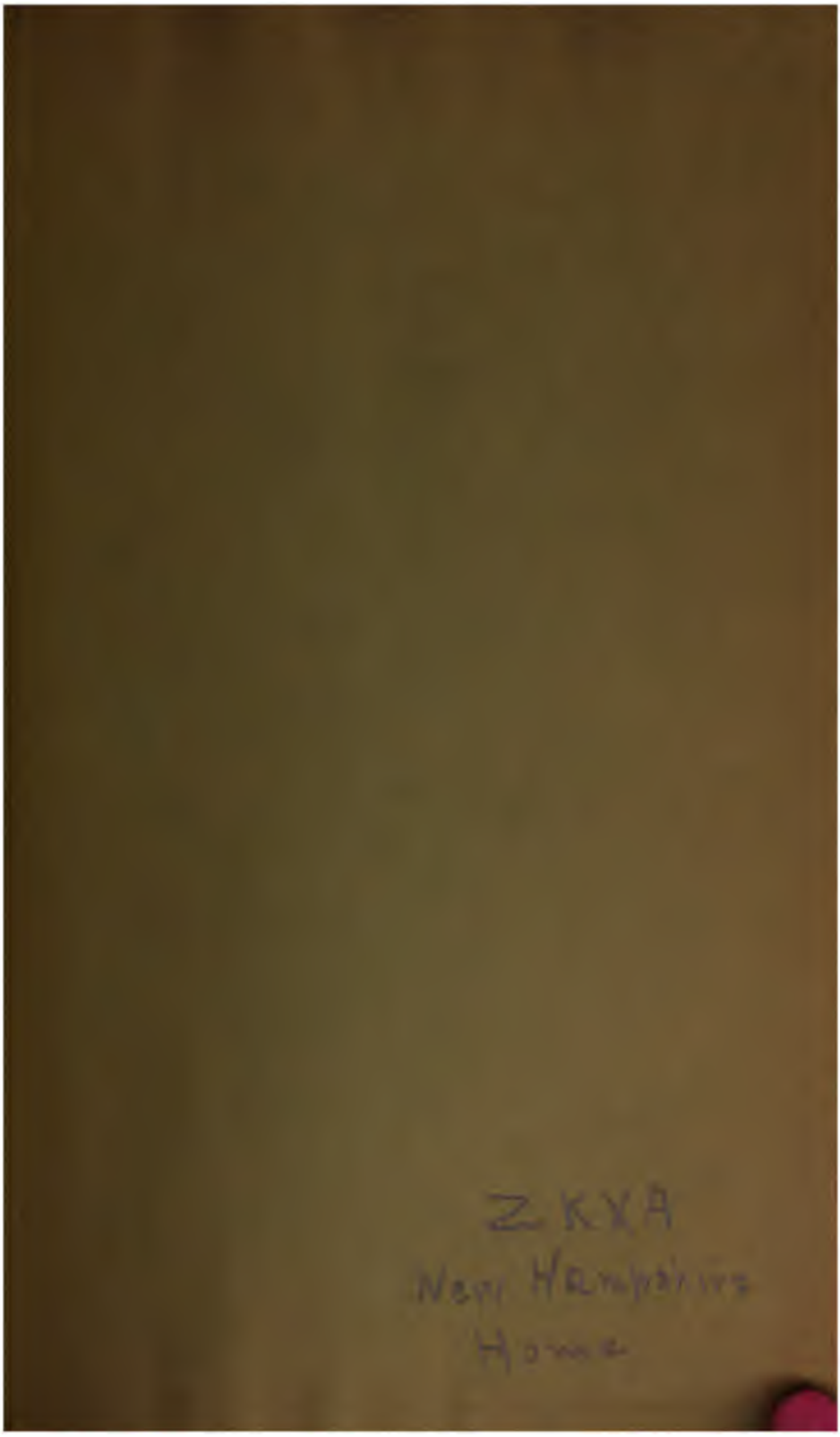
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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society was held at Acworth, Aug. 28, 1851. The President and Vice-President being absent, the Rev. Z. S. BARSTOW, D. D., of Keene, was called to the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. ROBERT PAGE, of Lempster. Extracts from the Annual and Half Century Report were read by the Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. DAVID B. COE, of New-York, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, who sustained his motion by an interesting address, and seconded by the Rev. JOHN M. ELLIS, of Nashua, the Report was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed. The following Board of Officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. ABRAHAM BURNHAM, D. D., Pembroke, *President.*
Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, Dart. Coll., *Vice-President.*
Rev. BENJ. P. STONE, Concord, *Secretary.*
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TRUSTEES ELECTED IN 1850.

Rev. JACOB CUMMINGS, Hillsborough Bridge.
Rev. ASA P. TENNEY, Concord, West Parish.
Rev. AMOS W. BURNHAM, Rindge.

TRUSTEES ELECTED IN 1849.

Rev. JONATHAN FRENCH, D. D., North-Hampton.
Rev. JOHN K. YOUNG, Meredith Bridge.
Rev. JACOB SCALES, Plainfield.

Certain amendments of the Constitution were proposed by the Trustees, which were unanimously adopted. See the Constitution as it now is in the Appendix of this Report.

Adjourned *sine die.*

BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

In the providence of God, the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is permitted this morning to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. We look around in vain for the presence of those good men who, a half century ago, planned and founded this almoner of christian charity to the needy. They are not here to mingle with us their thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the favor he has shown to this, the cherished object of their affections. "The Fathers, where are they?" They have all ceased from the living, and "their sepulchres are with us unto this day." We, their successors in missionary labors, can pay no better tribute to their memories, and find no better encouragement to imitate their example, than by tracing the history of this Society from its origin to the present day; and this task is now the privilege of the Trustees to perform. Among the topics embraced in the history before us, are, Preliminary Missionary Efforts,—the Origin of the Society,—its Objects, Missionaries, Fields of Labor,—Changes of Missionary Policy,—Principles of Action, Funds, Results, and subjects of general interest.

MISSIONARY EFFORTS PREVIOUS TO 1801.

It appears from the Records of the Convention of Congregational Ministers of the Province of New-Hampshire, that in the year 1770 the attention of members of the Convention was first called to the moral and spiritual condition of those portions of the Province that were destitute of the stated ministry. "Upon a representation," say the Records, "of the state of the inhabitants of the back settlements in this Province, who are destitute of the privileges of the gospel ministry, by a letter from a number of ministers in the western part of the Province, communicated by the Rev. Dr. Langdon, which had been previously laid before some Associations in this Province, the Convention took into consideration the expediency of applying to the General Assembly (the Legislature) for such helps to those destitute people as to their wisdom shall appear meet." A Memorial to the General Assembly was accordingly drawn up, which commenced in the following language:

"To His Excellency John Wentworth, Esq., Governor and Commander in Chief, to the Honorable, his Majesty's Council, and the Honorable House of Representatives of his Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire, in General Court assembled—humbly showeth—

"That from the late conquest of Canada, there has been a large

and rapid increase of inhabitants in the interior parts of this Province, and a great number of towns are now settling at once by persons who have moved into the wilderness under such circumstances that at present they are utterly unable to procure or support a gospel ministry among them; by which means they are deprived of the religious instructions and exhortations they formerly enjoyed: That by authentic information, it appears that many of them are in danger, for want of these privileges, either of falling into an heathenish state, and bringing up their children without any knowledge of God and religion, or of being drawn away into gross errors, and heresies, and disorderly practices, contrary not only to their spiritual welfare, but to the interests of the civil government to which they belong." * * After presenting some reasons why they solicit the aid of the government in this matter, they say: "Your memorialists, therefore, humbly beg leave to propose this important matter to your Excellency, &c., * * * that you will make such provision for the instruction of these destitute people as to your wisdom shall seem meet."

This memorial was laid over for farther consideration of the Convention, at its next annual meeting. At that time the committee, appointed to consider the subject, reported that it was not expedient to present the memorial to the General Assembly, but for what reasons it is not stated. It does not appear that any farther acti n was taken by the Convention on the subject for seventeen years. In the records of the annual meeting for 1787, we find the following entry:

"After some conversation upon the declensions of the present day, and the propriety of having the Gospel preached to the people in the New Settlements, *Voted*, That the Rev. Mr. Colby, of Pembroke, be desired to leave his people four Sabbaths in the present season, for the above said purpose, and for the Convention to supply his pulpit three of those Sabbaths."

The next year the Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Atkinson, was appointed to go out as missionary for four Sabbaths, his pulpit to be supplied three of them by the Convention. These missions were probably performed, though there is no record of the fact. For the succeeding twelve years, that is, from 1788 to 1800, there are no records of the Convention. The Rev. Israel Evans, of Concord, resigned his office as clerk of the Convention in 1800, which he had filled for several years. The records which he made, if any, are not extant,—consequently, it is not known whether any thing was done during this period by the Convention for the benefit of the new settlements.

At the annual meeting of the Convention in 1800 we find the following record:

"Sundry communications from the different associations respecting the encouragement they can afford to missionaries to the new settlements, were taken into consideration. It was *Voted*, To raise a committee, consisting of three, the Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Gilmanton, Coe, of Durham, and Potter, of Lebanon, to consider those communications, and direct the routes of the missionaries who shall be appointed."

A letter of "credence and general directions" to the missionaries was drawn up by a special committee appointed for the purpose, signed by the moderator and clerk. This committee were the Rev. Messrs. Parker, Worcester, and McFarland. The same committee was also appointed to "write and receive letters, as may be convenient."

At the same meeting the Rev. Messrs. Page, Bell, Livermore, and Prentice, were appointed missionaries of the Convention, who were directed to "keep a journal of occurrences in their routes, and of observations on the state of religion, and exhibit the same to the Convention."

The next year, 1801, the Convention appointed five missionaries to the new settlements, viz., Rev. Messrs. Bradford, Smith, of Hollis, McFarland, Payson, and Webber. In 1802, the same number of missionaries was appointed, viz., Rev. Messrs. Harris, Smith, of Gilmanton, Hazelton, Fullerton, and Stickney. These missionaries were for the most part pastors of churches, and were absent from their people only a few weeks each; their pulpits in the meantime, with the exception, perhaps, of one Sabbath, being supplied by their brethren of the Convention. They were literally *travelling preachers*, searching out and visiting the sheep scattered without a shepherd in the wilderness, and preaching here and there, as they could collect the people in meeting-houses, school-houses, private dwellings, or in barns. In the records of the Convention for 1803, we find the following entry:

"*Voted*, to discontinue for the present the practice of sending out missionaries from this Convention, on account of the Missionary Society, which was instituted for that purpose."

Some of the district Associations, particularly the Piscataqua, sent out missionaries to the new settlements in a similar way at an early period. As yet, no general or particular statistics had been collected informing the christian public of the number of towns and churches destitute of the means of grace, and needing missionary attention. Home missionary operations in Connecticut had commenced, under the auspices of the General Association of that State, in 1792, and under a Society formed for that purpose in 1798; also in Massachusetts in 1799, under the direction of the Mass. Miss. Society, which was instituted that year. And while their missionaries traversed the new regions of Vermont, Maine, and the northern parts of New-York, we have no account that any of them penetrated the wilds and desolations of New-Hampshire.

Having learned that missionary societies had been organized in these States for home or domestic purposes, and feeling the importance of something more efficient for searching out and supplying the destitute population of their own State, many of the ministers began to think of forming a State Missionary Society. Hence the influences which led to the

ORIGIN OF THIS SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Convention which was held in con-

nection with the annual State Election, at Hopkinton, June 3, 1801, a few ministers met at the house of Rev. Ethan Smith, to confer together respecting a State organization for missionary purposes.* The result of their deliberations was the passage of the following resolutions:

"1. That it is expedient to form a society in this State for the propagation of the Gospel among those who are now destitute of it;

2. That a Convention be held at Hopkinton of all who are disposed to convene on the first Wednesday of September next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of forming said Society;

3. That a committee be drawn, consisting of four ministers, to draft a Constitution and an Address to the Public, to be laid before the Convention at the proposed meeting;

4. By several votes, chose Rev. Messrs. Walter Harris, Ethan Smith, Zacheus Colby, and Thomas Worcester, to be this committee;

5. That the Rev. Elihu Thayer, of Kingston, be requested to deliver a sermon at the proposed Convention, and that the Rev. Walter Harris stand as second."

In pursuance to this call a Convention of Congregational ministers and laymen assembled at Hopkinton, September 2, 1801, which was organized by the choice of Rev. Joseph Woodman, moderator, and Rev. Walter Harris, scribe. Having spent the day in examining the constitution and address to the public, prepared by the committee previously appointed, they adjourned to the next day, and having met according to adjournment, they formed themselves into a society, under the constitution proposed.† The title given to the society was, "*The New-Hampshire Missionary Society*," which became a legal title by an act of incorporation passed by the General Court in 1807. The Constitution required a board of officers, consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Trustees, which were to be chosen annually by ballot.‡

In 1803 the Constitution was amended so as to require ten Trustees, besides the President, to be chosen annually. In 1809 the Constitution was altered, making the Secretary *ex officio* a Trustee of the Society. The board was now composed of eleven Trustees, including the President and Secretary. In 1818 the Constitution was so amended as to require that one third of the Trustees should be elected triennially, that is, that three Trustees should go out of office every year "in rotation, but shall be eligible again at any future meeting." In 1825, by an amendment in the Constitution, a Vice-President and Auditor of Accounts were added to the list of officers,—the Vice-President being made a Trustee *ex officio*. The board as now constituted consisted of twelve Trustees, which has existed without further changes to the present day. Other changes in the Constitution will be noticed hereafter.

On the day the Society was organized, the Rev. Elihu Thayer, of Kingston, was chosen President, the Rev. Ethan Smith, of Hopkinton, Secretary, and Enoch Long, Jr., of Hopkinton, Treasurer.

* Appendix A. † Appendix B. ‡ Appendix C.

On the same day also, twenty-one ministers and three laymen gave their signatures to the Constitution and became members of the Society, by the payment of two dollars annually into its treasury. These men, who were members of the Convention, may be truly regarded the founders of the Society, the last of whom, the Rev. Josiah Carpenter, of Chichester, died at an advanced age since the present year commenced.

OBJECTS.

The first article of the original Constitution says: "The sole object of which is the propagation of the Gospel among those who are destitute of its precious privileges." This object is more definitely defined in the Preamble to the Constitution adopted by the Convention at Hopkinton, which is in the following language:

"To all who wish well to the cause of Zion:

Christian Brethren—

Wishing you prosperity and peace, through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we beg liberty to inform you that from a consideration of the deplorable condition of millions of our fellow men, who are perishing through a lack of knowledge of the way of salvation by Christ,—from a sense of our solemn and voluntary obligations to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom, in all possible, proper ways, and from the pious example of many of our christian brethren, both in Europe and America, we, a number of ministers and servants of Christ, have considered it an indispensable duty to form into a society, in order to unite our exertions for spreading abroad the glad tidings of salvation among the HEATHEN, and others in our frontier and infant settlements, who are destitute of the precious privileges which we enjoy."

Thus we learn that the founders of this Society intended to make provision for evangelizing the heathen; but what did they mean by the heathen? This question is answered both in the address "To all Christian People," adopted by this Convention and published by the Society, and in the sermon by Dr. Thayer delivered on the occasion.* "Can you cast your eye upon our frontier settlements, especially upon the savage tribes who have souls equally precious with our own, and for a moment consider their deplorably ignorant and perishing state, and not feel disposed to unite with us in exertions for their instruction and salvation?" In the sermon we find the following passages: "The poor heathen in whose land we dwell, are objects which call for our compassion." "Still it may be asked, Is there a door opened in providence for christianizing the Indian tribes? The answer is, We have the Gospel, and they have souls to be saved, and we have an inviting opportunity to send it to them, and what more is necessary to constitute an open door." In carrying out that part of the original design of the founders of the Society, in respect to the heathen or Indians, very little has ever been attempted or accomplished for their benefit. In the year 1808 the

* Appendix D.

Rev. Jacob Cram was appointed a missionary sixteen weeks to the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, eight of which he performed. He received the same appointment the following year. Mr. C. visited most of the Indians on Martha's Vineyard and on Cape Cod. He found five or six different settlements, containing about 450 souls, pure and mixed. He found the remnants of four Congregational churches, containing twenty-one members, only three of whom were males, and two Baptist churches, containing twenty-four members, of whom five were males. Whole number of christian Indians, fifty-one. On his return home he brought with him a pious Indian youth, who was placed under the care and instruction of the Rev. Dr. Thayer, of Kingston. The expenses of his board and tuition were defrayed by the Trustees. They also gave him six dollars to purchase an English dictionary, and to bear his expenses on his return home. Upon the representation of the educational necessities of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, made to the Trustees in September, 1809, by the Rev. John Sargent, who was then laboring among them as a missionary of some other Society, the Trustees voted to give Jehoiakim, the youth just referred to, $5.00 a month for instructing the children of those Indians, but nothing was ever paid him for that service. Of the thirty-two weeks of missionary labor among the Indians, for which Mr. Cram was commissioned, he performed twenty, and received for his services and extra expenses $187. About $70 were expended for the benefit of the Indian youth Jehoiakim, making in all $257. This is all that was ever done or attempted by the Trustees towards evangelizing the heathen, or the Indians. It is evident that a much greater effort to civilize and christianize the heathen Indians was intended by the founders of this Society. As early as 1803 the Trustees passed the following vote: "That application be made to the Piscataqua, the Massachusetts, and the Hampshire Missionary Societies, that they and we unite in appropriating some part of their and our funds to the express object of sending a missionary or missionaries among the heathen;" but no farther action was ever taken on the plan proposed.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees in June, 1811, we find the following vote recorded: "That the exertions of this Society in future for the propagation of the Gospel shall be confined to the State of New-Hampshire, except in peculiar cases, or when a peculiar call appears to exceed the limits of the State," but the Society continued its efforts beyond the limits of the State down to 1821. The amount and results of these efforts will be considered in another connection.

In 1825 the first article of the Constitution, defining the object of the Society, was made the second article, expressing its object more explicitly as follows: "To send missionaries to destitute towns, parishes and societies within the State, and on the borders of the same; to afford pecuniary aid to churches and societies which in the judgment of the Trustees are proper objects of charity; for the support of the Gospel, and to distribute tracts and books for the encourage-

ment of Sabbath schools and juvenile societies, and thus, with all its means, to promote the interests of religion and the enlargement of the churches." This is the Constitution as it now stands.* It will be perceived that, besides the preaching of the Gospel to the destitute, the Constitution required the Society to spend a portion of its funds in the distribution of religious publications. In this department of effort, a large amount of its funds was expended during the first twenty-five years of its existence. The first action of the Trustees relative to the distribution of religious books was in 1804. They then voted to procure $6 worth of books for distribution, viz., "$2 worth of the Columbian Primer, $2 worth of Watts' Divine and Moral Songs, and $2 worth of Janeway's Tokens for Children." In addition to the books and pamphlets purchased by appropriations made by the Trustees, they received many donations from individuals and Female Cent Societies, which were generally distributed by the missionaries. Money was also often contributed for the same purpose. In a few years the number of books, sermons, pamphlets and tracts distributed in a year became quite large, involving an expenditure of hundreds of dollars. In 1814, over $400 dollars of the funds contributed by the Cent Institution were expended in these publications. In 1815, between five and six thousand books, tracts, &c., were distributed. In 1816, between six and seven thousand were distributed.

In 1814 the Trustees established twenty "reading circles," as they were called, for the benefit of young people in destitute places, and placed each under the care of some suitable person to act as librarian. Five ministers, in different parts of the State, were appointed as agents to establish such circles where they might seem to be most needed. The libraries were composed of such religious books of a practical and doctrinal character, sermons, tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals, as were published in those days. These "reading circles" were gradually increased till they reached the number of fifty, which was the number reported in 1818. After this date their number ceased to be reported, and as the amount annually expended by the Trustees in the purchase of religious publications was gradually diminished from 1818, we may infer that the reading circles were finally disbanded, and their libraries broken up and scattered.

In pursuance with the general design of this department of labor, the Trustees in 1817 made a donation of $100 to the Kimball Union Academy, Plainfield, from the avails of the Cent Institution.

In the year 1806 the Trustees issued proposals for the publication of a magazine under the title of Religious Repository, to contain short essays, religious communications, biographical sketches, &c. In the year 1807 the publication of the Repository commenced. It was issued once in two months, and was furnished to subscribers for fifty cents per volume. The following persons were appointed editors, viz., Rev. Messrs. Thayer, Morrison, Payson, Noah Worcester,

* The Constitution was revised at the last annual meeting. It is published in the Appendix.

Thomas Worcester, Bradford, Norris, McFarland, Wines, Church, Dana, and Daniel Webster, Esq. To these were added as editors of the second volume, Rev. Messrs. Rowland, Thurston, and Thomas W. Thompson, Esq. The edition consisted of from 1000 to 1500 copies. The Society published two volumes of this work, and then discontinued it, "on account," as the Trustees say, "of the difficulty which appeared in the distribution of them through the State, many of the bundles failing, or being lost, to the disappointment of subscribers." The net income of this work to the Society was $322.36.

Up to 1820 the Society performed the part of a Bible, tract and religious book Society, according to the letter of the Constitution as it now stands, but since that date it has had but a limited occasion for this kind of effort, as the same objects have been more effectually prosecuted by other societies formed expressly for the purpose. It has, however, always required its missionaries to engage in this department of labor, according to their means and the necessities of their respective fields. The Trustees continued to make annual appropriations for purchasing and distributing tracts and books, till 1828. The whole amount of these appropriations, from the commencement in 1805, is about $1600.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FIELDS OF LABOR.

The first action of the Trustees in relation to the appointment of missionaries was at the annual meeting in June, 1802, and is thus recorded: "*Voted*, That it is expedient to send out a missionary the present season; *Voted*, That the Trustees meet at the Rev. J. Remington's, Candia, on the 17th inst., 9 o'clock, A. M., to consult and adopt measures for carrying the preceding vote into effect."

The Trustees having met at Candia according to appointment, they made choice of Rev. Noah Worcester, of Thornton, "to go out as a missionary for five months." In case he might fail, they appointed the Rev. Josiah Prentice, of Northwood, as his substitute, and the Rev. Christopher Paige, a substitute for Mr. Prentice. A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Woodman, Wood, and Harris, were chosen, "to agree with, examine, give letters of credence to, and direct the tour of their missionary or missionaries." Three days after, this committee met Mr. Worcester at Boscawen, and engaged him "to go out three months for $7 per week."* They also engaged the Rev. Samuel Wood, of Boscawen, to go out two months. They were furnished with the following instructions by the committee:

* Mr. Worcester preached his first missionary sermon in Bath, on the 25th of July, 1802, from the text, "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." This was the first sermon preached by the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to the destitute. He was earnestly solicited to return to them again, but he told them that "they were deemed able to hire for themselves," and so he passed on to the north. He, however, spent another Sabbath there on his return. He extended his mission up the river to Canada. In Sept. following, he performed another tour over the same ground, and for the most part of the time in company with Mr. Wood, from Boscawen. He says, "I never had so great a sense of the wisdom of our Saviour's conduct in sending forth his disciples two and two, as I had after Brother Wood joined me in this mission."

"1. It is expected that your general route will be among the destitute towns above Lancaster, on Connecticut river, and that you will vary it as you may judge most conducive to the general design of your mission.

2. That you will keep the benevolent end of your mission always in view, and make the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom your only object, carefully avoiding all sinister views or worldly speculations, and all debates on political subjects.

3. That should any donations be offered, we expect you will inform the donor that you cannot receive them for your personal advantage, but in behalf of the Missionary Society, to whom you are accountable.

4. It is expected that you will keep a journal of your missionary labors, and make return of the same to the Trustees."

"They met with the most favorable reception," says the report of the Trustees, "and we have much reason to hope, according to their journals, that their labors were far from being in vain." Thus commenced the missionary operations of this Society. It was not a day of "small," but of "great things." The men of that day had great hearts and wise heads. In systematizing a plan of missions to the destitute, they not only embraced the scattered population without the Gospel, in our own State, but the destitute of other States on the west and north, and even the poor Indian of the wilderness as the objects of their charities. As early as 1803, the attention of the Society began to be called to the spiritual condition of what was then called the west. The Rev. Jacob Cram was sent this year on a mission of twelve weeks to the northern parts of the State of New-York.* Mr. Cram was the first missionary sent beyond the limits of the State. The field of the Society's missions in the State of New-York was for the most part confined to the region bordering on the western shores of Lake Champlain. Among the men employed on this field from 1803 to 1810, we find the names of J. Cram, D. L. Morril, Moses Bradford, John H. Church. In some instances they were sent out two and two, in truly apostolic style. Rev. Moses Bradford and Rev. M. Taylor were sent together on a mission of sixteen weeks to the northern part of the State of New-York. They both sometimes preached in the same place, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon, and even on week days, it appears from their journal, they both were together in their preaching exercises. The following is a specimen of their journal:

"Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1805. We preached two sermons in the school-house near Mr. Elmore's, and then proceeded six miles to Mr. Hoff's. Thursday, Sept. 5. We preached in a barn near Mr. Hoff's, then proceeded to Plattsburgh, twelve miles. Here is a Presbyterian minister, the first we found after crossing the lake." They proceeded as far north as Odletown, in Lower Canada, preaching and visiting families, and holding religious conversation in nearly

* Appendix E.

all the towns lying on the western shore of Lake Champlain. On the south-west they rode as far as Saratoga Springs. Mr. Taylor's account of his labors at the Springs is as follows: "Sunday, Oct. 6. Attended public worship in a school-house near the Springs, and preached two sermons to a small but attentive assembly. Received as a contribution $2.25. There are a few professors of religion about the Springs. The people are loose in their morals, and in general negligent of religious instruction." They frequently separated, one going to one place, the other to another in the same region. Mr. Taylor visited the town of Moores, where he says he "preached two sermons in Esquire Frost's barn. It was observed that this was the first Sabbath day's preaching that was ever performed in this town." While absent on this tour they labored in more than twenty different townships, commencing at Whitehall on the south, and extending north into Canada, and journeying from home more than two hundred miles.

In June, 1807, the Trustees appointed the Rev. David L. Morril and the Rev. C. Paige to perform in company a mission of thirteen weeks on the same ground. The Society continued to send itinerent missionaries out of the State every year, from 1803 to 1820. Since the last mentioned date, its missionary appointments, with one exception, have been confined to the limits of New-Hampshire. The whole amount of labor performed out of the State during that period is 377 weeks, of which 149 weeks were performed in Maine, 132 in the State of New-York, 84 in Vermont, and 12 in Rhode-Island. This is equal to about seven years of ministerial labor, and cost the Society at the rate of $9 per week, (the compensation then allowed to Missionaries going beyond the State,) $3,285. Some missionary labor was also performed in the eastern townships of Canada bordering on Vermont and New-Hampshire, but the amount cannot be ascertained.

Those parts of the State to which the attention of the Society was first directed, were the whole of the inhabited portion of Coös county, and some sixty destitute towns in Grafton, Old Strafford, Hillsborough, and what is now Merrimack and Sullivan counties, but the greater part of these towns were in the two first mentioned counties.* The Trustees for many years established several points of missionary labor, which they called stations. The Monadnock station was in the northern part of Coös county, and took its name from Monadnock mountain, on the Vermont side of Connecticut river. The Canaan, New-Chester, and Wentworth stations were in Grafton county; the Ossipee and Farmington stations were in Old Strafford county. There were other stations, but those just named were the most important. These stations were made sort of centres of operations for the regions in which they were situated. Missionaries were sent to them under commissions of from four to twelve weeks, and occasionally for a longer time, who preached, visited families,

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distributed books and tracts, and administered the ordinances of religion in a circuit of towns sometimes amounting to twenty or more. The following specimens of the reported results of those missions will give an idea of their character. The Rev. John Willard performed a mission on the Monadnock station, of twelve weeks, during which he labored in 14 towns, "preached 75 sermons, besides attending come conferences, visiting the sick, administering special ordinances, and instructing from house to house." In a missionary tour round the White Hills, the Rev. Caleb Burge performed a mission of twelve weeks, extending from Littleton on the south, to Percy on the north. He preached "104 sermons, attended 3 conferences, 1 council, administered the sacrament to 3 churches, organized a church of seven members, in Percy, and baptized 26 persons." These missions were performed in 1811. In 1812, one missionary reports that he labored eight weeks in three towns, preached about sixty sermons, and visited between two and three hundred families, and some schools. This missionary reports between twenty and thirty, mostly young people, hopefully converted. Another missionary, in twelve weeks preached eighty-two sermons, attended six conferences and some funerals, visited ten schools, distributed upwards of two hundred pamphlets and three bound volumes. Another, in a mission of twenty weeks, visited sixteen towns, preached one hundred sermons, attended three church meetings, four conferences, visited six schools, admitted one member to the church, baptized eight children, administered the Lord's Supper once, and visited two hundred and forty-four families. Another, in a tour of six weeks, visited eleven towns, preached sixty-two sermons, and made upwards of one hundred family visits. Another, in a tour of twelve weeks, labored in twenty-one towns, preaching one hundred and thirty-one times, visiting schools, families, baptizing children, distributing books and tracts, &c. These itinerant labors were sometimes attended with special divine influences. One of the missionaries of 1812, speaking of preaching in a certain place says, "After sermon ten or more young people gathered around me, inquiring 'What they should do to be saved.'" Another of the following year remarks, "Some hearers seemed to understand and feel the truth. There are some who date their conversions from hearing the word preached by missionaries." Another, in a mission of twenty weeks, admitted into churches one hundred and eight members, besides twenty who had been church members before, but who had wandered from their flocks. He baptized fifty-four adults, and one hundred and sixty-two children. This mission was performed by Rev. Samuel Goddard, in 1817, on what was called the Concord station, in Vermont. The field embraced some sixteen or twenty towns on both sides of the river. But in a majority of the reports made by these itinerant missionaries, there is no special statement of spiritual results. In many of them a dark and discouraging view is given of the moral and spiritual condition of the people. The following is a specimen: "In some places," says a missionary, "which I have visited, people take little notice of

appointments, but in others the attendance has been more general. In some places infidelity prevails to an alarming degree; in others, the Gospel *perverted* is held in high estimation. In most of those places there is almost a total ignorance of the nature of the doctrines of grace. The ears of the people have been filled with frightful things concerning the Calvinistic scheme of doctrines. But, scattered in these regions, a few are found who appear to be real christians, and who delight in the doctrines of salvation." This is the language of Rev. Mr. Goddard, in 1812, concerning most of the towns in Coös county; and we are sorry to say that it is still applicable to that region.

These missionary Bishops, for such they may be truly called, continued to be sent out by the Society till about 1825, after which time the spheres of missionary labor were restricted. Upon the comparative results of the itinerant with the permanent system of missionary labor, some remarks will be made in the sequel.

The early missionaries were required to keep journals of their labors, and forward them at the close of their service to the Secretary of the Society. These journals were at first read in the meetings of the Society, but this practice was soon discontinued, and as a substitute large extracts were made from them in the annual reports. The Trustees in all cases became responsible to their missionaries for their compensation, which was at first $7 per week. In 1805, the compensation was fixed at $7 per week to candidates, and $9 per week to settled ministers. In 1806, $8 per week was voted to candidates. In 1811, $8 dollars was voted to ordained ministers, and $7 to candidates not ordained. This compensation was continued to 1821, when it was reduced to one uniform rate of $7 per week, which has continued ever since.

A change of policy from the itinerant to the permanent system of missionary labor, was never formally adopted by the Society. It has been the gradual result of experience and of current exigencies of the cause from year to year, all along down to the present. The idea of making churches the beneficiaries of the Society, rather than of expending its funds directly in the support of missionaries among the destitute, because they were destitute, without regard to their ability and obligations to support the Gospel, was not entertained by the founders of this Society, nor by the christian community in the infancy of missionary efforts in New-England. It was eight years after the Society was formed before this idea was first suggested to the Trustees. In 1809, the first application from a feeble church for aid was made by the Congregational church in Elizabethtown, a new county seat of Essex county, west of Lake Champlain, New-York. An application having been made from this church for aid in the support of Rev. Jacob Burbank, stating that they had raised themselves $220, the Trustees made an appropriation of $100 towards his support, for one year. "This brought into view a principle," say the records, "which some of the Trustees had designed to propose at the meeting, viz., that it might better subserve the cause of the

Gospel which we have in view, to render our missionaries more stationary, and direct our exertions more towards the settlement of the Gospel in new places, encouraging the people there to unite and help themselves, by tendering them some assistance towards the settlement of a minister. This principle appeared to meet the approbation of the Trustees."

Mr. Burbank was instructed to perform missionary labor in the region, as he might have time and opportunity between Sabbaths. As this people were the first to make a formal application to the Society for aid in the permanent support of the Gospel, and the first to receive such aid, and as the field is beyond the limits of the State, some extracts from Mr. Burbank's journal, showing the results of his labors there, may be interesting. "The field of my labors," says Mr. Burbank, "is more than twenty miles long, and eight or ten wide. Elizabethtown is very much broken by mountains. The Congregationalists live mostly in remote parts of the town. The people in these parts are generally poor. A number who have hardly the necessaries of life, and no habitations but a miserable cottage made of logs, have contributed $10 each towards my support. One aged man, between eighty and ninety, whose wife is about seventy, gave $3. He agreed to double the sum if I would stay another year. This man has no property, and I believe often suffers for want of provisions. We had no general attention to religion, yet the work of the Holy Spirit was visible in solitary instances the whole of the year. Four were united to the church, and one was propounded. Seven or eight more entertained a hope while I was there." Mr. Burbank was strongly importuned by the people to continue with them another year, but the prospect of his support was not sufficient to encourage him to remove his family. He therefore left the field at the close of his year, and they received no farther aid from this Society. What the history of the church in Elizabethtown has been since, we have no means of knowing, except that there is a Congregational church there, aided by the American Home Missionary Society. This is probably the same church.

The usual style of appropriations for the first half of the period in review was, to give ministers commission for a certain number of weeks of labor, in such towns or regions where, in their judgment, missionary labor was most needed. The first grant of aid made to a feeble church as such, recorded, with the exception before stated, was in 1824. This was made to the church in Raymond.* The next year they made appropriations to five churches, and at the same time they appointed twenty-one missionaries to perform from four to sixteen weeks of service each, in different towns and places, amounting in all to about three hundred weeks. Many of those missionaries commissioned for a few weeks, especially the latter part of the first twenty-five years, were stated supplies for individual churches, which sometimes petitioned the Trustees for aid, and sometimes did not.

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Since 1825, the general rule of the Trustees has been to expend the funds of the Society in aiding feeble churches to maintain the stated and permanent ministrations of the Gospel. "From the happy effects of the stated ministration of the word and ordinances by these missionaries," says the report for 1825, "your Trustees have become perfectly satisfied that by far the best way of disposing of the sacred charity committed to them is, to settle pastors over destitute feeble churches, which otherwise must remain without the public ordinances of religion." The general policy of the Society had now become so far changed, that it may be said that from this year a new era, viz., a church-aiding era, in the history of the Society, commenced, though the primitive missionary character of the Society was not and never has been wholly laid aside. Had the Trustees and the patrons of the Society been only acquainted with the necessities of the field, and had they been enabled, by experience or otherwise, to appreciate the advantages of a long and permanent application of divine truth over a short and occasional ministry as means of repairing our desolations, doubtless they would have much sooner turned their attention to the permanent establishment of the Gospel among them. But we have no occasion to reproach our fathers in the missionary work. They were not our inferiors in devotion to the objects of the Society. If we excel them in a wiser and more successful system of operations, it is owing to the lessons on the subject of adaptation of means to the end, which experience and time have taught us, the advantage of whose instructions they were not permitted to enjoy. In that they believed there were many towns and places in the State in which the ministry could only be temporary, and that the only way of access to the minds of the people was by short or itinerant missions, they did not err. The question was not respecting a large portion of the destitutions of the State, whether pastors or permanent ministers should be settled or not, but whether the people should have the opportunity to hear the Gospel from the travelling missionary, or still live on in their errors and sins, having none to point out to them a better way and a better world. The same state of things substantially has always existed. As the Society has never had and probably never will have the means of supporting a minister wholly in every destitute town in the State, those towns containing feeble churches of the most promising character, and holding out encouragements of the greatest results of missionary labor, have for many years received the first attentions of the Society, while at the same time the less promising churches and desolations have never been lost sight of, but have always been remembered according to the ability remaining in the hands of the Trustees. The moral and spiritual condition of much of our territory was but imperfectly known to the churches, and even to the conductors of the Missionary Society, for the first twenty years after the Society was formed. As an evidence of this, the Trustees say in their report for 1819,—"There are *probably* on missionary ground in this State between fifty and one hundred *feeble, destitute churches*, besides numerous disciples of

our blessed Saviour, and in Him are dear brothers and sisters, not organized into churches, but scattered as sheep on the mountains without a shepherd." Speaking of the rapid advance in the operations of the Society from 1812 to 1825, the report of the latter year says, with regard to the desolations of the State previous to 1812,— "They were either unknown both to ministers and private christians, or being known they failed to affect their hearts and engage their efforts."

The distinction of the missionaries of the Society into two classes, viz., pastors or stated supplies by the year, and missionaries sent into destitute places for a few weeks each, had become by 1826 marked and established. Previous to that time, i. e., for the first twenty-five years of the Society's existence, the whole of missionary service rendered to the Society amounted to four thousand three hundred and thirty-two weeks, equal to about eighty-three years, or about three and one third years on an average to each year.

While the practice continued of appropriating the funds of the Society for the support of itinerant missionaries, or missionaries stationed over certain destitute districts, without much regard to rules requiring the supplicatory action of the people, or much inquiry into their pecuniary circumstances or wishes for missionary attention, the work of conducting the operations of the Society was comparatively easy. The intrinsic difficulties of the cause previous to 1826, consisted more in the collection of funds adequate to its necessities, than in the disbursement of them; but since that period the tables have changed, so that for the last twenty-five years it has imposed a far greater tax upon the knowledge, sagacity and wisdom of the Trustees to expend the funds of the Society, than to collect them. The care, solicitude, and often disquietude occasioned in the disbursing department of the missionary work, result from the very nature of the habit now adopted throughout the great Home Missionary movement of the land, of aiding feeble churches and societies upon their application for aid, and certification to certain prescribed conditions of aid. The difficulty of conducting this department of the work vanishes, if action of the Trustees is had without discrimination or regard to rules, or with no other rule than to give when asked; but if discrimination is had, and rules are adhered to, there is and always has been a difficulty present. This difficulty has increased from year to year in the last half of the Society's history. As time advances, the beneficiaries of the Society, many of them, become older, and the question of obligation on the part of the Society towards them often becomes more and more complex and trying, owing to modification and changes in their pecuniary and moral condition, and especially to the relative claims of the whole nation as a Home Missionary field, upon the christian patriotism of New-Hampshire. Let it not be understood, however, that intelligence has become so generally diffused among the churches, and their standard of piety and benevolence has become so elevated and fixed, that the treasury, as a matter of course, will always be filled. Far from it. Much

watchfulness and labor have been, and probably will continue to be demanded, to secure the pecuniary means for an unembarrassed prosecution of the work. With the present state of general devotedness to the cause of Christ, and of real conviction of personal obligation to live, not for self, but for God and his kingdom on earth, no theory of systematic benevolence, however Scriptural and true, can be relied on with safety to do the work of raising funds, without the enforcement of reading, talking, and preaching. The truth is, the exercise of benevolence is one of the component parts of a christian character, and to dispense with the means of promoting it, on the ground that it is self-moving, would be like dispensing with the preaching of the precepts of the Gospel requiring love, humility, gratitude and the like, on the ground that God has begun a good work in his people, and will carry it on unto perfection. Indeed, the anxiety and toil required in this part of the enterprise are more or less enhanced by the increasing difficulty in wisely conducting its disbursing interests. Failures both real and imaginary in the latter, operate unfavorably upon the interests of the former. But to return. If sending a missionary under a commission of a few weeks to labor for the benefit of a destitute church be considered as granting aid to that church, then the Society began to extend aid to feeble churches as early as 1811. By degrees the Trustees commissioned their missionaries to spend more labor in towns containing churches; and as their explorations brought to light here and there a solitary church, poor and destitute, they bestowed a greater share of their attention upon it. More than a third of all the churches ever aided by the Society for the whole period of its existence, were visited by the missionary, and favored with a greater or less amount of his labors, for the first twenty-five years.

The first numerical distinction made in the reports of the Trustees between pastors, yearly laborers, and missionaries, we find in the report of 1826. In that year the report says, "we have assisted in furnishing the services of thirty ministers of Christ more or less of the time the year past, sixteen missionaries, seven pastors and seven yearly laborers."

RULES OR PRINCIPLES OF AIDING FEEBLE CHURCHES.

The first recorded conditions of aiding churches we find in the report of 1826, viz.:

"1. That the same absolute need of help remain. The means of those we help may be so increased that they may soon need little, or no help at all.

2. That the state of your treasury admit of the same appropriations. Just as the christian community pleases, our labor of love shall proceed.

3. That the ministers supported in part by your sacred charity, continue to be sacred, and faithful, and useful."

The Trustees doubtless made appropriations to feeble churches, according to some conditions or rules, before this date, but they are

without notice either in the records or reports of the Society. In 1829, the Trustees again published some rules by which they governed themselves in disposing of their funds, as follows:

"1. That this charity be chiefly expended in the establishment and support of pastors and located ministers.

2. That the people whom we assist make all reasonable sacrifices and efforts to help themselves.

3. That the annual salaries of ministers whom we assist in supporting, be no more in ordinary cases than $400.

4. That we grant to any people no more than just enough to secure the object, and that sum no longer than is absolutely necessary."

There had already risen several objections, among the professed friends of the Society, against the doings of the Trustees, founded on supposed facts, viz., that some of the missionary pastors received too much salary, and that some of the churches aided were able to sustain themselves. These objections the report of the Trustees for that year considers, and shows to be without any just foundation. And though these and other objections have been repeatedly answered to the satisfaction of all intelligent and reasonable minds, they have always existed from that time to the present, and probably always will exist to a greater or less extent. Let the spirit of objection only have a being among the friends of any good cause, it will always find occasions to make them, either real or imaginary. Whatever the nature or source of that spirit may be, it operates as a sort of check upon injudicious action in the management of our public charities, and tends rather to their advancement.

The rules of the Trustees were made more extensive and particular, by the passage of the following resolutions in 1830:

"*Resolved*, 1. That in every application for aid, it shall be distinctly stated how much the subscribers pay on the dollar, and how much they can raise without foreign aid.

2. That no church shall receive aid from the treasury of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, whose members generally do not practically favor the cause of temperance.

3. That our grants shall not be repeated to any people who do not annually settle up their subscriptions or ministerial rates, before they make a renewed application. That they have done so, must be distinctly stated in their application.

4. That no pastor or missionary shall have his order upon the Treasurer, until he shall have made return of his services.

5. That no church and society under the patronage of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, shall dismiss their pastor without the knowledge and consent of the Trustees, or of their committee."

These resolutions were republished in the report of the Trustees in 1831, with explanatory remarks. They were again published in 1833, 1834 and 1835. The principles involved in these rules have been retained to the present time, though the rules were revised in 1839, and also in 1843, with some modifications and enlargement, to meet the exigencies of the cause. As they now stand and have been

published for several years past, they require every feeble church asking aid, to furnish an accurate statement of the amount of ratable property they possess, together with what is possessed by the society, or those contributing to the support of the Gospel who are not members of the church, and that they must pay at least two thirds of one per cent. on the dollar of their property, before they can be considered the proper objects of aid.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

In connection with the history of the receipts and expenditures of the Society, we shall notice under this head the rise and progress of the Female Cent Institution, the auxiliary union with the American Home Missionary Society, Agencies, Life Members, &c.

The Constitution adopted at the formation of the Society says, Art. 10th, "Any person may become a member of the Society, by subscribing the Constitution, and advancing two dollars for the promotion of the object of the Society, which sum shall be advanced at every annual meeting; and every person thus united shall be considered as retaining his membership, unless he shall present to the Secretary a written request to withdraw, in which case the Secretary shall enter his name on the records, as dismissed." The two dollars paid upon signing the Constitution was called "entrance money." Those who thus joined the Society were its members, and were the only persons authorized to act in its annual meetings. So it is as the Constitution now stands. A donation of two dollars or two hundred dollars does not constitute a person a member;—it gives him no right to vote in the meetings of the Society. He must subscribe and pay his two dollars before he can act as a member. In 1825 the same article was revised to read thus: "Any person may become a member of this Society by advancing two dollars, or a life-member for thirty dollars, and every member except life-members shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she signify in writing a desire to withdraw." This is the present Constitution. A record was carefully kept of all persons who joined the Society, down to 1829, and also of those who were dismissed by their written request, down to 1824. Since these dates we find no record of this sort. The names of about two hundred and sixty persons are recorded as members, the most of whom have deceased. Of the original twenty-four members who founded the Society, not one is now living. The whole number of ministers who formerly became members of the Society the first twenty-eight years of its existence, is one hundred and thirty-one, of whom thirty-four are now living. Just one half of this number have removed beyond the limits of the State. The income of the Society derived from the annual members was at first considerable, but it has diminished gradually to almost nothing. A few yet pay their annual subscriptions.

The first person who became a member of the Society for life, was the Rev. Caleb Burge, of Brattleboro', Vt., who contributed $10, "which," says the Treasurer's report, "constitutes him a mem-

ber of this Society for life, as he is gone out of the State." What sum was requisite to constitute a life membership at this time, does not appear. The next acknowledgement of a donation for a life-membership was a "new year's gift of $20, at the monthly concert of prayer in Keene, to constitute their pastor, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, a life-member." The next year, 1821, the Rev. Jonathan Homer, of Newton, Ms., was made a life-member by a contribution of $30 from the ladies of his society. Two persons were constituted life-members in 1822, by the payment of $30, one by himself, Rev. Seth S. Arnold; the other, Rev. A. W. Burnham, of Rindge, by his people. In 1823, the Rev. P. Cooke, of Acworth, was made a life-member by the Female Charitable Society of his parish; the ladies of Littleton constituted their minister, Rev. D. Fairbank, a life-member, and individuals of Rev. Josiah Prentice's society, of Northwood, made him a life-member. The sum paid in each of these last named instances was $30. This was evidently the sum established by the Trustees of the Society as necessary to constitute a life-membership in the Society, and entitle one to act in its meetings, though we find no notice of it on the records.

A list of one hundred and thirty-one members, and also of twelve life-members, was published for the first time in the report for 1824. The matter of life-membership did not become constitutional till 1825, when it was introduced into the revised Constitution of that year, which has remained without change to the present time. Since 1824, a list of the life-members has been published every year. Also, a list of those annual members who paid their annual subscriptions, was published every year down to 1835, since which time it has been omitted, while that of the life-members has been continued in the annual reports.

The increase of life-members down to as late as 1832, was slow. On the list published that year we find the names of only one hundred and two persons, which averages only about three a year from the beginning. The year 1832 forms a new epoch in the history of the Society, as commencing what may be called a revival period of Home Missionary interest and action, not only in this State but throughout the land. At this time a permanent financial agency was established, which with other causes contributed very much to the increase of life-members. In five years one hundred and eighty-six, or about thirty-seven annually, became life-members of the Society. From 1837 to the present time, a period of fourteen years, five hundred and forty-two names have been added to the list of life-members of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and one hundred and fifty-two have been made life-members of the American Home Missionary Society—in all seven hundred and fourteen—which on an average is nearly fifty-two annually. Previous to 1837 only eighteen persons had been made life-members of the American Home Missionary Society. The whole number who have been constituted life-members of both Societies from the commencement, is one thousand and thirty, which have brought into the treasury

$30,900, and all but $9,480 in fourteen years. This is no insignificant feature in the progress of our enterprise.

Various other measures have been devised from time to time, to promote the financial interests of the Society. For the first five years after the Society was organized, its receipts did not exceed $350 a year. The Society, feeling much the necessity of more funds, at its annual meeting in 1804 passed the following votes:

Voted, That it be a custom in the Society, that those ministers, members of the Society, who do not lead their people to a contribution to the Society once a year, give the reason to the Society for the neglect.

Voted, That it lie for consideration in the Society whether we will present to the Legislature a petition for the incorporation of the Society, and for pecuniary aid." No further action was taken on the subject till the annual meeting in 1807, when a committee was chosen to petition the General Court for an act of incorporation, but with no instructions to ask for pecuniary aid. An act of incorporation was obtained that year, which granted to the Society the power of holding permanent funds not exceeding ten thousand dollars, together with the usual rights and powers granted to such corporations. At the annual meeting of the Society in 1811, it was "*Voted*, That in future there be a contribution at the close of the public meeting, at the time and place of the annual meeting." This was made a part of the Constitution in 1825, and has always been practised to the present time. In 1812 and 1813, the funds of the Society having accumulated beyond its immediate ability to expend them to advantage, it became a subject of inquiry among the ministerial friends of the Society, what disposition could be made of them. The balance in the treasury about this time was more than $3000, while the liabilities of the Society were less than $1000 per annum. A singular investment of the surplus funds of the Society was suggested, as we learn from the following entry upon the records of 1813: "A communication was received" (by the Society at its annual meeting,) "from the General Association, relative to the propriety of the Missionary Society's taking measures to build or purchase a *cotton factory*," &c. This subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Hon. T. W. Thompson, Hon. W. H. Woodward, Professor Adams, Dr. Payson, and Dea. McQuesten, who reported, that "in their view the objections to the proposed undertaking appear to be insurmountable." They recommended, however, that the subject be laid over for further consideration at the next annual meeting. It was accordingly recommitted to the same committee, to report at the next meeting. At the annual meeting of 1814, the following year, it was "*Voted*, That the question before the Society relative to a cotton factory be dismissed."

It has been stated that the charter granted by the legislature in 1807 authorized the Society to hold a permanent fund not exceeding $10,000. Such a fund was commenced by a legacy of $100 from Mrs. Betsey Farson, of Francestown, received in 1811. The

same year the Trustees voted that the Society take into consideration the expediency of appropriating the profits of the Religious Repository, in case its publication should be revived, "to aid the constituting of a permanent fund in the Society," and also of giving any of the members who might choose, the privilege of advancing "some given sum as their annual taxes for life, which sum may go to aid the above said fund." But the Society took no further action on the subject of resuming the publication of the Repository, till 1814, when they referred it to the Trustees, in whose hands it still rests. The whole amount received as permanent fund, principally in legacies, is about $1,878, only about $1,600 of which is now productive.* The largest contributor to this fund was the late Hon. Thos. W. Thompson, of Concord, who bequeathed one fourth part of a piece of real estate in Bristol, valued at $2,000, but it yielded in cash much less than that sum. Mr. Thompson was an ardent friend of the Society, and at the time of his decease, in 1822, was a member of the board of Trustees, which office he held thirteen consecutive years, having been first elected in 1809.

In 1812 the Trustees being informed that a "right of land, consisting generally of three hundred acres in each town in the westerly parts of New-Hampshire and in Vermont, included in a tract known by the name of New-Hampshire Grants, was granted by the king of Great Britain" to the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts, they therefore resolved that the President be requested to write to the Secretary of said Society, requesting information concerning these lands, and requesting them to make suitable efforts to obtain the possession of them, and to direct the disposal of them "according to their original destination." The Rev. Jedediah Morse, of Charlestown, was requested to aid in this application. It does not appear that any further action was taken on the subject.

There have been no truer friends of the Society and of the Home Missionary cause, than the pious mothers and daughters of our churches and congregations. Their interest in the cause was early evinced by the formation of Cent Societies, upon the plan of contributing one cent a week, or of fifty-two cents a year. These Societies were first denominated Cent Institutions in 1808. At that time there were twenty of them in different parts of the State. The largest donation was from the society in Exeter, consisting of $40. They continued to pay over their collections directly to the Treasurer of the N. H. M. S., till 1813. At the annual meeting in 1812 the Society adopted a plan for a general Female Cent Institution in this State. A constitution was formed, published and distributed over the State. Mrs. McFarland,† of Concord, was chosen the first

* Appendix H.

† The origin of this plan is as follows: The late Mrs. McFarland, of Concord, in a conversation with her pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, just before her death in 1838, says, "At a time when the funds of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society were very low, and the ministers engaged in it were much disheartened, I suggested to a few of them at our house, that they should form Cent Societies like those in Massachusetts. My suggestion pleased them, and the first Society

Treasuress of the Institution.* The first year after the consolidation of these separate societies into one State Institution, its efficiency was seen in the great increase of its receipts. They gradually continued to increase, till they arose to more than $1700, the sum received in 1819, when they suddenly declined to less than $700. From 1820 to 1838, the average receipts of the Cent Institution were about $500 annually. From 1838 to the present time, the average amount received has been over $1.270. At the present time there are nearly one hundred Cent Societies in the State, embodying about one fourth of all the female members of the churches. So unexpectedly liberal was the response of the ladies to the circular issued the year before by the Trustees, recommending a general organization, that they voted in 1813 to publish a separate report of the concerns of the Cent Institution, together with a vote of thanks. From that year to 1828, separate reports of the Institution were published. From 1824 to 1828 inclusive, the Cent Report was bound up with the Report of the Missionary Society, but it has since been published in a separate pamphlet form. These reports have always been prepared by some person or committee appointed by the Trustees. The compensation allowed the Treasuress for several years, was $15 a year for her services. It was afterwards established at $5 a year. The operation of this plan of aiding the cause of Home Missions within our bounds, has been highly useful for the last forty-five years, not only as a financial measure, but as one of the most effectual means of promoting the spirit of christian benevolence in the female heart.

Other measures have been adopted from time to time to raise funds for the benefit of the Society, the most important of which is, the employment of agents for the express purpose of collecting and diffusing intelligence upon the subject of Home Missions, and by preaching and other appropriate means, to excite the churches to

was formed in this town, auxiliary to the Missionary Society." This was probably in 1804, for in 1805 the Treasurer's report of the N. H. M. S. acknowledged the receipt of $6.44 in cash, from a Cent Society in Raymond, and $20.61 in books, from a Cent Society in Concord, and $7.18 in books, from a Cent Society in Hanover. Female Cent Societies were formed in Massachusetts soon after the organization of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, in 1799, and took their rise from an incident related by Mrs. McFarland as having occurred at the table in her uncle's house, in Boston, in May, 1799. The incident was as follows: A number of ministers put up at her uncle's, who were treated with wine, as the custom was in those days. One time when wine was set on the table, it was proposed that *each one should put by his glass of wine and lay down one cent.* It was done. From this circumstance arose the thought that the ladies should lay aside one cent a week to aid the Missionary Society; and hence the formation of many Cent Societies in Massachusetts for this object.

Female Cent Societies sprung up here and there over the State, each appointing its own Treasuress, who forwarded the collections to the Treasurer of the N. H. M. S. Some made their remittances in cash for the general purposes of the Society, some in cash with direction that it be expended in religious books and tracts for distribution, and some in books. When donations were made in books, they were not generally included in the cash account of the Society.

* Appendix I.

habits of liberality in its behalf. The first agents authorized by the Society were its own clerical members. The pastors and ministers of churches who were members of the Society, were made, by the vote of the Society, and afterwards by its Constitution, agents, as before stated, to take up collections in their several congregations once a year. Subsequently all ministers in the State, having the permanent charge of churches, whether members of the Society or not, were appointed its agents, to raise funds for the Society and forward them to the Treasurer. But as the demand for the Society's operations increased, it was ultimately found necessary to employ some special agency to increase its ability to meet them. The missionaries were indeed from the beginning authorized to make collections and receive donations for the Society, but this was made a mere incidental duty, and one of minor importance; and besides, their fields of labor were not, from the nature of the case, of much importance as sources of pecuniary aid. In 1821 the Trustees appointed six agents, one for each county, to collect donations and obtain annual subscribers. These agents were the Rev. Jonathan Curtis, for the county of Rockingham; the Rev. Luke A. Spofford, for the county of Strafford; the Rev. E. Smith, for the county of Hillsborough; the Rev. Z. S. Barstow, for the county of Cheshire; the Rev. J. Town, for the county of Grafton, and the Rev. D. Sutherland, for the county of Coös. "These agents," says the Report of the following year, "appear to have taken a lively interest in the subject, and have endeavored to promote the great object of your Society. Two of them have made returns of moneys and members. Rev. Eli Smith, agent in Hillsborough county, obtained one member and $12, and the Rev. Luke A. Spofford, agent in Strafford county, seven members and about $40."

The Trustees the next year reäppointed the same agents, and added to them the Rev. Messrs. Hidden and French. They also voted "that these agents invite ministers, where they exercise their agency, to unite with them in obtaining donations and members." The labors of these agents were gratuitous. Had they been compensated, the results would have probably been the diminishing rather than the increasing of the funds. They were pastors, and had but little time to devote to this extra service. Of one of the most successful of them the Report says, he "performed a week or ten days of gratuitous missionary service, and obtained fifteen annual subscribers to your funds."

This kind of agency continued for three years, but as it amounted to but little in increasing the funds of the Society, and as its resources had become entirely inadequate to meet the growing demand for missionary labor, the Trustees found it necessary to devise some more efficient means to replenish the treasury. Accordingly they appointed the Rev. Luke A. Spofford, at their annual meeting in 1825, their agent to raise funds. The Report for that year says he was appointed "to travel in the old, populous and wealthy parts of the State, to form charitable societies, auxiliary to your Institution,

and to solicit donations and subscriptions to increase its funds." He was the first agent employed by the Trustees who received compensation for his services. He labored in the service of the Society eighteen weeks. His agency cost the Society about $133, and yielded $321 in ready cash, besides annual subscriptions to the amount of $334. "But," says the Report, "we are not to estimate all the benefits of such an agency in dollars and cents; its moral effects are extensively and incalculably useful. While your judicious and faithful agent is travelling and collecting charity to replenish our treasury, he is communicating correct information, removing prejudices, calling into action the spirit of charity and of prayer, and he is preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ." Mr. Spofford was reappointed an agent of the Society the next year, but he labored only eight weeks in its service. In 1827 he was again appointed agent to solicit funds, but he spent only two weeks and a half in the prosecution of his agency. In 1829 he labored eight weeks as an agent of the Society. In the same year also, the Rev. Jacob Cummings, of Stratham, visited the towns in Strafford county as a volunteer agent, by whose instrumentality about $90 was brought into the treasury. In 1830 the Trustees, in addition to the issuing of circulars to the several ministers and churches of the State, a measure which they had frequently adopted before, made a special request of such pastors as could spare the time, to perform some gratuitous agency for the Society. In compliance with this request, the President, Rev. Dr. Church, Rev. S. S. Arnold, Rev. Phinehas Cooke, and Rev. Jonathan L. Hale, performed some service for the Society in their respective neighborhoods. The whole amount raised by the efforts of these agents was not far from $400.

But notwithstanding these extra agencies, and much earnest pleading in the annual reports for an increased liberality in the churches, the receipts of the Society for 1830 and 1831 were little more than $2,300 a year. At this time the Society was extending aid to nearly fifty feeble churches in the State, besides employing some eight or ten missionaries on short missions, generally at an expense of $7 a week. It was now greatly embarrassed in its operations for want of funds, its liabilities much exceeding its means. This state of things caused no little anxiety to the Trustees. The new relations which the Society now held to the moral and spiritual destiny of the nation, magnified in their view the importance of the Home Missionary work, not only for New-Hampshire but for the whole land. After much deliberation and prayer, they came to the decision that the necessities of the cause demanded the employment of a permanent agent to labor in its behalf. Accordingly they appointed the Rev. Andrew Rankin, of Salisbury, as their agent, to devote his whole time and energies to the various pecuniary interests of the Society. Mr. Rankin entered on his labors in January, 1832, and continued them two years and a half. A great and sudden impetus was now given to the cause of Home Missions throughout all the churches. For the first time their attention was directed to the physical magni-

tude of our country, its capabilities for nourishing hundreds of millions of people, its prospective wealth and influence upon the welfare of the race, and the spiritual necessities of vast numbers of its population. Arguments drawn from such weighty considerations produced an effect upon the consciences of christians, already made more susceptible by the recent and extensive refreshings of the Divine Spirit. The result was a great and unusual increase of funds, and a consequent enlargement of the Society's operations. The receipts for 1832 and 1833 were more than one hundred per cent. larger than for the two preceding years. Mr. Rankin obtained more than four hundred life-members, who either paid down the sum required, or subsequently in annual instalments. How much should be credited to his agency for increase of funds, cannot be accurately ascertained. It must have been from $8,000 to $10,000. Mr. Rankin was also commissioned by the American Home Missionary Society as their agent in this State. He was styled the joint agent of the two societies, though he received the whole of his compensation from the auxiliary. At the expiration of Mr. Rankin's engagement, the two offices of Secretary and General Agent of the Society were united in one man, which union has continued to the present time. Since 1834 the Secretary has been a general agent for Home Missions in New-Hampshire, and mutually appointed and sustained by the parent Society and this Auxiliary.

The Rev. Isaac Willey, of Rochester, was elected Secretary and Agent at the annual meeting of 1834, but did not fully enter on his duties as agent till Feb., 1835. Having faithfully served the Society for three years, he declined a reëlection in 1837, and the Rev. Benj. P. Stone, of Campton, was chosen to the same two-fold office, whose duties he has endeavored to discharge for the last fourteen years. Among the duties that have devolved upon these agents, none have been more important than to acquire an accurate knowledge of the field; such as the peculiar circumstances of each dependent church, the condition of destitute towns and places, and the various causes, both favorable and unfavorable, which affect the welfare of all our feeble and destitute population, both within and beyond the limits of our own commonwealth. But to give a history in detail of all they have done for the cause, were impossible, if it were expected of us in these brief annals. The outlines of their labors can only be noticed, but the specific enumeration of the agency influence, connected as it has been for the most part with the Secretaryship, cannot be made; suffice it to say, that it has gone largely into the general results of the Home Missionary enterprise. In the prosecution of their labors, Messrs. Rankin and Willey travelled each about eight thousand miles in the two and a half years which each of them served the Society; and in the fourteen years of the present agent's service he has travelled fifty-two thousand miles, or more than three thousand seven hundred miles a year on an average. It seems proper also to note in this connection, that the average annual amount raised in this State for the cause of Home Missions has been greatly

increased since 1832. For the six years subsequent to that date, it was in round numbers $5,240, and for the last fourteen years it has been $6,487. For the twenty years past, this average has been $6,067, while for the same period previous to 1832 it was only $2,135, which demonstrates an average advance for the last mentioned period of twenty years, of $3,983, or about one hundred and eighty-five per cent. The progress of the cause in its financial income, has been much indebted to the constant and faithful advocacy which many of the pastors and ministers of the churches have given it, together with a general diffusion of Home Missionary intelligence throughout the community. Indeed, had it not been for the deep interest which a goodly number of ministers and churches have taken in the great subject of our country's moral and spiritual destiny, leading them to coöperate with individuals specially laboring for its welfare, no influence or labor of any such individuals would have been able to sustain it. With respect to the means of exciting a popular interest in its behalf, and of calling forth the pecuniary support of its friends, the cause of Home Missions holds common ground with many of its sister objects of christian benevolence; but with respect to the judicious cultivation of the various soil found on the missionary field, and a wise and economical management of its various moral and financial affairs, it possesses, like every secular enterprise, no self-conducting principle. In these respects it always has been, and is now emphatically so, an enterprise peculiar to itself, and it has a peculiar necessity for the constant supervision of some watchful and interested mind, to preserve its most vital and precious interest from suffering a detriment hazardous to its final success. Of the truth of these remarks we are forcibly convicted from the developments of our Home Missionary history, and from some experience in observing the laws of human nature. It seems necessary, to a complete history of our financial affairs, that we should include in it the expense of conducting them. As the business part of the enterprise has been considerably enhanced for the past twenty years by our auxiliary connection with the American Home Missionary Society, the cost of managing our joint and common interest should be charged to the whole cause. The whole expense of conducting the Home Missionary enterprise for the past fifty years is $18,849. This is not far from eleven per cent. on the grand total raised during this time in New-Hampshire for the cause of Home Missions. This includes the expense of the Secretary's office, of agencies, printing, &c. The cost of printing the Religious Repository, and of distributing it and other religious publications, not appropriately belonging to the work of Home Missions, is left out of the account.

If we compare the last twenty years, which may be termed the *agency period*, with the twenty years immediately preceding, we find the results as follows: For the twenty years previous to 1832, the cost of sustaining the cause, on the whole amount received, is about six and one half per cent., while for the last period it is about twelve per cent. The difference of five and one half per cent. be-

tween these two periods is to be accounted for from the expense of sustaining an agency the past twenty years. But the difference in the receipts is $78,702, or an increase of $3,935 annually, in favor of the last period. In view of these facts perhaps we may be indulged in the remark, that so far as we have had the means of making a comparison, no benevolent institution, whether State or National, has been conducted with a greater or even equal economy, all things considered, for the last fifty years, than the one whose old age we venerate this day.

SUCCESS OF SOME OF THE EARLIER MISSIONARIES.

That the preaching of the Gospel among the destitute and feeble portions of our New-Hampshire population has, to a very gratifying extent, accomplished its legitimate purposes of spiritual and eternal good to Zion, we have abundant proof. As specimens of this proof, as well as examples of faithful and useful missionary experience, especially in the earlier part of our history, we will cite a few instances from the reports of the missionaries. The Rev. Caleb Burge performed a mission of twelve weeks in 1811, around the White Hills. He preached in Bethel, Me., where on one occasion he says, "Here I had a numerous congregation. After I had dismissed them, as I prepared to leave the house I observed that none of them appeared ready to go. One of them spoke and desired me to preach another sermon. Accordingly, after an intermission of about twenty minutes, I returned and found the congregation as large as when I left it. I delivered another sermon. Many of the people appeared to be much impressed. Here I had some hope that the Spirit of the Lord had begun a good work."

The Rev. William Rolfe in 1812 thus speaks of his missionary labors in Danbury: Between twenty and thirty, mostly young people, were hopefully converted, and some more under deep impressions. "The peculiar doctrines of grace," he says, "and that of the native enmity of the human heart against God, were understood and received as divine truth by the subjects of this work. And that in proportion as these doctrines were cordially admitted, a lively interest is taken in solemn inquiries." The following are extracts from the journal of Rev. Curtice Coe, in 1815: "Ossipee, Lord's Day. I preached both parts of the day to crowded assemblies. Two persons appeared to have obtained religion of late, and others were seriously impressed. Wolfboro', Lord's Day. I preached both parts of the day to very full assemblies. Many melted into tears under the word of life." The Rev. David Sutherland thus speaks of his preaching the same year in Dalton: "At the first sermon preached, I was informed that about every adult person in town was present, and there appeared an eager attention to hear the word of life."

In 1816, Mr. Rolfe speaks of New-Chester, now Hill: "Within a few weeks there have been evident tokens of a work of grace. The church is encouraged and animated. Last spring it had but two members; now it has thirteen, and it is expected that it will soon

consist of more than twenty." During the same year the Rev. Samuel Goddard performed a mission of twenty-five weeks, partly in this State and partly in Vermont. In his journal he says, "In Waterford, Vt., has appeared very lately an unusual attention to religion. There are about twenty hopeful conversions. In a small village in Barnet, Vt., about ten or twelve are hopefully converted, and a general solemnity is manifest."

The next year, 1817, Mr. Goddard labored as a missionary in four towns in New-Hampshire, and in twelve towns in Vermont. He says, "This mission has been by far the most interesting I ever performed. God is carrying on his work in this region beyond what he ever did before, since the settlement of this, but lately a wilderness." During this mission Mr. Goddard admitted one hundred and eight into the churches, baptised fifty-four adults and one hundred and sixty-two children. He formed churches in Lyman, N. H., and Barnet and Glover, Vt. To illustrate the genuine work of the Holy Spirit, such as is needed in all our churches at the present day, we will give a few details from his journal. "Preached at a private house. Those who wished for further conversation were desired to call on me in the evening. In the evening nearly fifty came to the place. Some were rejoicing in hope, and some were in great distress. One young person in anguish said, 'Do tell me what I shall do!' Lord's day, preached at Brownington, Vt.; baptised three adults, admitted five into the church, and administered the Lord's Supper. Afternoon, rode to Coventry and preached, and received six into the church. Large audiences, with deep solemnity and many tears.

Sunday, Nov. 19, rode to Barnet and visited several families. Wednesday, the persons who expected to unite in the church met to attend to the confession and covenant; we had a prayer-meeting in the evening. Friday, the same object was pursued. This day was taken up in examining the candidates. Saturday, I visited and found a number inquiring what they must do to be saved. Lord's Day, I preached, and led this branch of the church to make their public profession, and to unite in the covenant. This was the most solemn day I ever witnessed;—twenty came forward, thirteen of them heads of families. Several hopeful converts, seeing these things, and themselves left behind, were much overwhelmed. The audience was much larger than the house could hold, and they hung upon the lips of the speaker as though eternal realities were indeed felt.

Saturday, Dec. 18, at Lyman, met to hear the relations of those who propose to come forward and unite in the order of the church. The aged and the young appeared, to tell what God had done for their souls. Some of the first respectability in town appeared, and some from twelve to fourteen years of age stood before a crowded assembly, and verbally related the operations of grace in their hearts, which drew tears from almost every eye. Lord's Day, I preached, and admitted twenty-two persons into the church, baptized fourteen adults and four children. There were many who could not get within hearing of my voice. A sermon was read to such. Many children

of God declared that they never before experienced a day of so much happiness. When I consider that there never before was a Sabbath day's preaching here of our order,—when I review the leadings of Providence in this work, and behold it still going on, emotions are excited which are overwhelming. I can but admire, adore, and exclaim, '*It is the Lord's doing, and is marvellous in our eyes. Praise ye the Lord.*'"

At the time Mr. Goddard formed a church in Glover, Vt., he says, "The assembly was said to be the largest that ever met in the town. It was a time of weeping and trembling." Of Barton, Vt., he remarks, "When I preached here in October last, I think my audience was less than twelve; now the house was crowded, and many without at the doors and windows. Some of them now came seven miles on a bad road, some on foot, and some two upon a horse. So many people thronged around after the close of public worship, to inquire what they should do, or to adore the goodness of God, that I could not leave the place for more than an hour." The next year Mr. Goddard visited this place and formed a church. His journal this year is nearly as interesting as the year previous, but we must forbear farther quotations. Those extracts we have made, as well as those we might make from the journals of many others of our missionaries, all along at different intervals down to our times, are sufficient to illustrate the blessing of God upon the labors of this Society.

It is not our purpose to eulogize the characters or labors of individuals who have served the Society. That might seem invidious. But it seems due to the memory of that man of God, the Rev. Samuel Goddard, to record our testimony to his preëminent usefulness as a missionary of this Society. Among all the good and useful men who were his co-laborers in the missionary work, and who have now gone to their rest, he was *first of his equals.* His holy influence is felt at the present day, still urging the things of eternity upon the attention of men.

Before we proceed to sum up the results of our labors for the half-century, we will take a brief review of the Society's operations for the year now closing.

SUMMARY FOR 1851.

Missionaries.

There have been in the service of the Society during the whole or part of the year, fifty-one ministers of the gospel, viz., eleven pastors of churches, thirty-three stated supplies, and seven who have performed short missions from three to six weeks each. This is six more than the number in commission last year. Of the pastors, three have been settled, and one has been dismissed. Of the stated supplies, five have been removed, and nine have been commissioned since the year commenced. Four stated supplies have administered to two congregations each, one has occupied three stations, and the remainder have confined their labors to one congregation each. During the year, eighteen new commissions have been issued.

CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

The whole number of churches and congregations that have been aided in the enjoyment of a preached gospel either the whole or a part of the year, is fifty-three, which is an increase of eight over the number aided last year. Of this number eleven were not on our list last year, viz., Hill, Litchfield, North Wolfboro', Tuftonboro', South Newmarket, City Missionary congregation in Manchester, Water Village in Ossipee, Newington, Jefferson Mills, and Lee. Five of the places last mentioned are without organized churches of our order. Three churches, and one congregation without a church, on our list last year, are not now included in it, viz., Holderness Village congregation and Bridgewater church, destitute, Seabrook and Hampton Falls, reported last year as having become independent of aid, and Farmington, which has employed a minister during the year at their own expense.

SHORT MISSIONS.

Agreeably to the wishes of the Trustees, expressed at their last annual meeting, four young men, of the present senior class of the Theological Seminary at Andover, were commissioned to spend their spring vacation in missionary labors on our field. One of them was sent to Shelburne, another to Enfield, another to Dalton and Jefferson Mills, and one to Lee. These brethren labored with zeal and fidelity, and not without some very interesting results. At Lee the people received your missionary, Mr. Geo. A. Adams, with great cordiality and thankfulness, and though there has been little or no Congregational preaching for two or three generations, and though there be no males in town professedly attached to our ecclesiastical polity and doctrine, yet they have raised a subscription of nearly or quite $200 to employ Mr. A. a year, or some one of "his order." Mr. Adams has been recommissioned to supply them twelve weeks more. The Rev. James B. Hardy was sent on a mission of three weeks to Shelburne. He reports that he found no encouragement to engage there as a permanent supply, though the people were anxious for the Gospel. He reports one hopeful conversion. The Rev. Stephen Merrill was commissioned four weeks at North Wolfboro' and vicinity. After having performed his mission, he entered into an engagement to supply half of the time at North Wolfboro', one quarter at Tuftonboro', and one quarter at Water Village, in Ossipee, and accordingly has been appointed our missionary on that field. Mr. H. Norton, one of the four young men from Andover, labored at Dalton and Jefferson Mills. At the latter place there is a small village community, in which there are two pious families residing, who have for some time maintained public worship in a school-house, have conducted a Sabbath school, and otherwise done much for the moral and spiritual benefit of the surrounding population. The church at Dalton our missionary found in a very low and discouraged condition. His labors were blessed to their spiritual good. By much effort he succeeded in raising a liberal subscription to purchase a Sabbath School Library. Here is a field needing much the sym-

pathies and fostering care of the Missionary Society. These missions have amounted to twenty-five weeks of labor, and have cost the Society $170.50. A few extracts from the reports of these missionaries will be here introduced. Mr. Norton thus speaks of Dalton: "I believe every meeting, prayer, concert, and on the Sabbath, showed an increase upon the previous one in numbers and interest. The Sabbath school had been discontinued, and the library was all lost. The people were entirely discouraged in reference to a school, thinking themselves unable to do any thing towards procuring a library. We re-organized the Sabbath school. I got them to make an effort for a library. The result is, I now carry with me $20 to purchase books for them. The school now numbers about eighty, and is increasing. Upon the whole, I think Dalton a favorable field of labor as any man could desire. I doubt not but that if a good faithful Congregational minister were settled there, he might, with the blessing of God, in a few years raise up an independent, self-sustaining church. There is an abundance of material to work upon, and it is accessible."

Of Jefferson Mills, Mr. Norton says, "The two families, Messrs. W—— and H——, have done wonders. When they went there three years ago, it was a drunken hole. The two Sabbaths I spent there were the most quiet Sabbaths I have spent in New-England. For three years these two men have kept up, without intermission, public worship, (reading sermons,) and a Sabbath school, and it is the best conducted Sabbath school I have seen. They have a library of over three hundred volumes, presented to them by friends, and take more than thirty copies of the Well-Spring, and at their Sabbath school concert contribute about $1, i. e., $12 a year. The school numbers between sixty and seventy; the congregation about one hundred, and these are all out, whether they have preaching or reading. I found the school-house full. One young man has been converted through their instrumentality, and is now preparing for college with an ultimate view of the ministry. It would do your soul good to spend a Sabbath here, and witness the avidity with which they seize upon knowledge and truth. They would here raise from $75 to $100 for a minister half the time. Only these two families could give much, and they are far from abounding in this world's goods, but all would give something. They are living in hope, and praying for some one to break unto them the bread of life."

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS, &C.

The number of additions to the churches aided are twenty-seven by profession, and thirty-six by letter. Total, eighty-three. The removals have been thirty-three by death, and forty-eight by letter and exclusion. Total, eighty-one. This shows a net increase of two. The whole number of communicants connected with forty-seven churches, according to the reports, is one thousand nine hundred and forty.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The cause of Sabbath school and Bible class instruction has been well sustained through the year, and in some instances has been blessed of God to the salvation of souls. The whole number connected with the Sabbath schools and Bible classes on our field, including teachers, so far as reported, is three thousand two hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.

The churches and congregations that have enjoyed our charity, have for the most part done something by way of benevolence for the enlargement of our common Zion. Thirty churches have raised for Home Missions $573.29, and for various other objects $687.44, in all, $1260.73, which is about forty-three per cent. on the amount appropriated for their benefit.

THE STATE OF MORALS AND RELIGION.

There have been but few of the churches favored by special influences of divine grace during the year. It is our privilege to acknowledge the goodness of God to some of them. A few souls have been hopefully converted in Nottingham, Epping, and Bennington. The whole number of hopeful conversions is forty-five. Except in Nottingham no special progress is reported in temperance and morals generally. It is a fact that should deeply affect us, that unless God shall soon appear for their enlargement, many of them must, in the ordinary course of his providence, become extinct. The salvation of men is the great object of this enterprise. If that is not accomplished, we do but little for the good of the land and the enlargement of the church. But for the accomplishment of this object we are dependent upon the Holy Ghost. We are only instruments, without strength, without power, without wisdom of our own; and until we feel our weakness and worthlessness, our extremity will not be made God's opportunity to display the riches of his grace.

THE TREASURY.

The balance on hand at the close of accounts the 15th of August, 1850, was $1,758.28. There have since been received, from all sources, $8,069.86, making the available resources of the Society for the year $9,828.14. Of the receipts, $1,220.42 were designated by the donors for the A. H. M. S., leaving $6,839.44 for the exclusive use of the cause in New-Hampshire. At the last annual meeting the Trustees appropriated $1,000 of the balance on hand to the Parent Society, making $2,220.42 paid out of our treasury for the cause beyond our bounds. In addition to this, various churches and individuals have sent to New-York $1,878.61; viz., $928.61 in legacies, and $950 in donations, making the whole sum devoted to the West $4,099.03, and the whole sum raised in the State for the cause of Home Missions $9,948.47, which is the largest sum by $686.67, ever before raised in any one year. The disbursements for the year have been $7,135.12, leaving a balance on hand of $2,693.01. Of

this sum the Trustees at this meeting have appropriated $1,000 to the Am. Home Miss. Society. The receipts for the past year have been larger than they ever were before in any one year. This has been owing to an unusual amount of legacies received, viz., $2,487.54, leaving $5,582.32 for the ordinary receipts, which are still somewhat larger than the same receipts for the year preceding. The amount raised by the Cent Institution is $1,522.68, which is $358.86 less than last year; but this has been owing to the failure of some twenty societies to forward their collections before the account closed.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From the twenty-fifth report of the American Home Missionary Society, we learn that the whole number of ministers employed during the year, together with those superintending the missionary work in connection with the respective auxiliaries and agencies, is one thousand and sixty-five, who were distributed in twenty-six States and Territories of the Union, viz., three hundred and eleven in the New-England States, two hundred and twenty-four in the Middle States, fifteen in the Southern States, and five hundred and fifteen in the Western States and Territories. They supplied in whole or in part one thousand eight hundred and twenty congregations, and performed an aggregate of service equal to eight hundred and fifty-three years. Not far from seventy thousand pupils were instructed in the Sabbath schools connected with the missionary churches. The amount contributed to benevolent objects, reported by five hundred and seventy-seven missionaries, is $21,513.04. There were added to the churches aided three thousand eight hundred and fifty-five by profession, and two thousand eight hundred and twenty-three by letter; in all, six thousand six hundred seventy-eight. Seventy-seven missionaries report revivals of religion, which resulted, in individual instances, in fifty, sixty, and one hundred hopeful conversions; and the whole number of hopeful conversions reported by three hundred and thirty-six missionaries is three thousand and ninety-six. *Forty-three* churches have become independent of aid during the year. During the quarter of a century since the organization of the Society, the Gospel has been preached by its instrumentality at not less than three thousand five hundred stations, and not far from eight hundred churches have been gathered on missionary ground, which are now supporting their own institutions. The receipts of the year were $150,940.25. The total receipts for the twenty-five years are $2,205,358.16. This money has sustained thirteen thousand and ninety-six years of missionary labor, at a cost to the Society of $167 a year, or $122 only to a missionary. The whole number added to the churches on missionary ground in the twenty-five years, is 107,781. What a work then is that which this Society has accomplished within the last twenty-five years, and what a work is still on its hands!

RESULTS FOR THE HALF CENTURY.

In summing up the results of this enterprise for the last fifty years, there are many things of which we cannot speak. The amount of influence the preaching of the gospel and its institutions has had in improving society throughout all its interest and relations, cannot be told in figures nor language. We can mark that influence within the circle of our own observation, and we can realize it at least in part, but we cannot describe it. Circumlocution, exclamations, and the various figures of rhetoric may enhance our ideas of the importance of a preached gospel to men, but the reality of its value to their spiritual and eternal welfare cannot be fully comprehended till the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed. But the results which come within our ability to describe are sufficient for every purpose of reflection and moral reasoning.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FIELDS.

The statistics of the number of missionaries and of the amount of their labors, from the indefiniteness of many of the early reports of the Society, may not be perfect. As near as can be ascertained, the whole number of missionaries that have been in commission for the past fifty years is one thousand five hundred and twenty-three. Of this number three hundred and forty-two were employed the first twenty-five years. These for the most part were either travelling missionaries, or were stationed in the centres of large missionary districts, and were almost wholly compensated from the treasury of the Society. The remainder, viz., one thousand one hundred and eighty-one, have been in commission for the last twenty-five years. Of this number one hundred and thirteen were itinerants, or employed on short missions of a few weeks each, and one thousand and sixty-eight were pastors or stated supplies of feeble churches.*

MISSIONARY SERVICE AND ITS COST.

During the first twenty-five years it is easy to determine the amount of missionary labor rendered the Society, as the missionaries were generally commissioned for a certain number of weeks, with a fixed compensation; but it is somewhat difficult to calculate this amount for the last twenty-five years, as many of the missionaries were employed by churches who paid a large portion of their salary. But by considering the aid appropriated by the Trustees as the occasion

* The whole number of towns over which the missionaries of this Society have travelled and labored more or less the past fifty years, is one hundred and twenty-two. In many of these towns there are churches which have enjoyed the aid of the Society in sustaining a permanent ministry. In addition to these there are twenty-six towns for whose benefit the Society has extended aid in the support of the gospel, but to which missionaries were never sent on short missions, making the whole number of towns constituting the Home Missionary field in New-Hampshire one hundred and forty-seven, leaving only seventy-nine towns out of the two hundred and twenty-six, (the present number,) not properly embraced in that field as it once was. At the present day there are about one hundred and twenty towns and parts of towns not properly belonging to the Home Missionary field.

of ministerial service to the cause of Christ, whether wholly or in part at the expense of the Society, we come to the following results:

The aggregate amount of missionary labor for the whole half century is nine hundred and eighty-six years, of which eighty-three years were rendered the Society for the first quarter of a century, and nine hundred and three the last quarter. This labor cost the Society (as we learn by dividing the whole amount of receipts by the whole amount of labor,) $448 a year for the first twenty-five years, and $123 a year for the last twenty-five years. This difference in the expense of missionary service to the Society for the two periods, is owing to the fact that for the first period the salaries of the missionaries were almost wholly paid out of the treasury, and for the last period a large portion of their salaries were paid by the people to whom they ministered. Now if we divide the receipts by the whole number of men employed, we find the average cost of a missionary a year was $108.50 the first twenty-five years, and $94 the last twenty-five years. In making this estimate the receipts for the American Home Missionary Society are not included.

MISSIONARY LABOR BEYOND THE STATE.

It has already been stated that the Society sent missionaries beyond the limits of the State from 1803 to 1820, amounting in all to three hundred and seventy-seven weeks, which, at $9 per week, the compensation then allowed, cost the Society $3,285. In 1836, a mission was established in Compton, Canada East, but was given up in 1839. The expense of this mission was $1,115. This, together with $70 expended for the benefit of the Indian youth before spoken of, makes $4,470, the whole sum expended out of the State under the direction of the Trustees. The missionaries of the Society labored in about seventy different towns out of the State.

REVIVALS, GATHERING OF CHURCHES, &c.

The years most remarkable for revivals of religion in the history of this Society, were 1817, 1822, 1826, 1828, 1831, 1832, and 1843, the most distinguished of which were 1831, 1832, and 1843. The largest number of hopeful conversions reported in any one year was five hundred and fifty-three, in 1832. As near as can be ascertained, the whole number of revivals and special seasons of divine influence that have been enjoyed in our field the past fifty years, is two hundred and forty, which resulted in the hopeful conversion and addition to the churches of five thousand five hundred souls. *Fifty* churches have been gathered on missionary ground, of which three were in Vermont, and one in Maine. Seven of these churches have become extinct, and thirteen are now independent of missionary aid. The most of these churches were organized during the first twenty-five years.

Not far from eighty houses of worship have either been erected or remodelled, on the fields that have been the objects of the Society's labors during the fifty years.

CHURCHES AIDED.

The whole number of feeble churches that have been aided in this State by the Society in fifty years, is one hundred and fourteen. Sixteen of these churches have become extinct, or have ceased to observe ordinances or to be recognized as churches, leaving ninety-eight still in existence, or three more than one half of all the churches now in the State. Forty-four of these ninety-eight churches have at different times ceased to receive aid, and are now, with only three exceptions, sustaining their own institutions. Of this number twenty-seven have become independent of aid within the last fourteen years. Were all the churches once dependent upon the Society, but now independent, still upon the list of its beneficiaries, it would require at least $3,600 annually to sustain them, were they to receive the same appropriations formerly bestowed upon them. There have been expended on all the churches once aided and now independent, $25,000, which on an average is not far from $610 to each church. The largest amount received by any one of these churches is $1,275, the smallest is $44. The longest time any one of them was dependent upon the Society is thirty-six years, the shortest is one year, and the next shortest is seven years.

As little comparatively is done for the cause of christian benevolence without the established influence of the ministry, Home Missions become essential to the cultivation of the spirit of benevolent giving in the feeble churches, which is one of the cardinal graces of a christian character. We have not the means of ascertaining the entire amount the feeble churches of New-Hampshire have given to the cause of benevolence for the past fifty years. It is only for the past seventeen or eighteen years that the statistics on this point have been gathered. From them we learn that the feeble churches aided by the Society have returned in charity not far from forty per cent. upon the whole amount expended upon them. When we consider, therefore, that aside from the $280,000, or thereabouts, which these churches have raised for the support of the gospel themselves, they have given to the various objects of christian benevolence more than $20,000, we have reason for gratitude to God for this one blessed result of Home Missions. Had it not been for the encouraging and inciting influence of missionary charity, we have no reason to believe that all this money, or even the greater part of it, would have been consecrated to the cause of Christ. Had it been retained and devoted to purposes purely secular, for the want of the motive power of the gospel ministry to call it into requisition, it would have tended to the poverty and not the riches of the churches. The man regenerated and made an heir of eternal glory, through the blessing of God upon a preached gospel, does not fulfill all the purposes of Home Missions, unless he becomes a medium, by his life of christian beneficence, of the enlargement of Christ's kingdom on earth.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The whole sum received into the treasury for the cause of Home Missions during the fifty years, is $155,080.02.* Of this sum $10,291.57 were legacies and donations for the American Home Missionary Society, and $4,900 were appropriated by the Trustees to the same Society, leaving $139,988.45, which have been expended, with the exception of $4,470 expended out of the State, for the benefit of the feeble churches and desolations of New-Hampshire. By dividing the half-century into five equal periods of ten years each, we find the receipts for each period as follows:

1st period,	$6,273,	or	$627	per annum.
2d "	20,559,	or	2,060	"
3d "	21,580,	or	2,158	"
4th "	47,983,	or	4,790	"
5th "	58,833,	or	5,883	"

From this it appears that the receipts for the last twenty years have been nearly three fourths of the whole sum paid into the treasury for the half century.

The attention of the churches to the spiritual wants of the nation at large was not called forth till after the Society became an integral part of the American Home Missionary Society, in 1827. In 1828 the first contributions were made in New-Hampshire to send the gospel to the West. Since that year, a period of twenty-three years, there have been raised by legacies and contributions $24,411.33, and all except $2,875 have been raised since 1838. This, together with the appropriations made by the Trustees as surplus funds, makes the whole amount that has gone out of this State to propagate a preached gospel in the wide regions of the West, $29,311.33.† The grand total, therefore, devoted to the cause of Home Missions in this State for the last fifty years, both by the living and the dead, under the conduct of this and the Am. Home Miss. Society, is $170,397.18; viz., $14,591 in legacies, and $155,808.18 in donations.

The financial progress of the cause may be seen as follows:

For the 1st ten years the sum raised was				$6,278
For the 2d	"	"	"	20,559
For the 3d	"	"	"	22,151
For the 4th	"	"	"	51,044
For the 5th	"	"	"	70,368

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

The labor of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for half a century is now before us. It speaks for itself, uttering no other language than that it has in a good degree answered the great purposes of divine mercy to our State and to our Zion. Its beginning was indeed "a day of small things," but we delight to bear it in honorable remembrance. In surveying the achievements of this Institu-

* Appendix J. † Appendix K.

tion, we discover no displays of a wisdom that is earthly—no monuments of human genius—no feats of selfish ambition—no traces of a secular enterprise. And though its work has sometimes been hindered from a full accomplishment of its legitimate results by the limitations of experience and knowledge, and by the natural imperfections of human foresight, yet the evidence is abundantly comforting that it has not been in vain. It has not been in vain, because it has been "in the Lord." And that it has been in the Lord, it would be a dishonor to the Holy Ghost, and an offence to God, to deny. That the preaching of Christ crucified on missionary ground has been to many either "foolishness" or a "stumbling-block,"—that the establishment of divine institutions has not in every instance wrought out a complete and permanent renovation of social order and of individual life, is no more strange than any failure of results corresponding with the appliances of religious enterprise. Knowing as we do the depravity of man,—that he has no inherent love of the light nor of the right of divine truth, and knowing the liabilities of the best and wisest concerted instrumentality to be counteracted by various hostile influences, we wonder not that there is yet, notwithstanding all that has been done, much moral waste and weakness in New-Hampshire. But aside from the obstacles to the missionary work, flowing out of the corrupt fountain of the human heart, there are others purely providential, or at least not moral, so affecting the external condition of churches and religious societies as to deprive them of much ability to sustain the institutions of the gospel. In looking over the field of our labors, especially for the last twenty years, we are forcibly impressed with the belief that had the latter class of obstacles to their success been no more numerous and formidable than they were the first thirty years, we now should have but few feeble churches, so called, in the State. The past ten or fifteen years may be styled by way of eminence the *emigrating* period in our missionary history. Within this period the churches aided by the Society have been more enfeebled from this than from any other cause, or from all other causes combined. In ten years, forty churches have lost about five hundred and fifty members, for the most part by dismission to other churches, either out of the State or in our large towns and manufacturing villages. Within the same time fifteen of these churches have lost more than four hundred members, or about twenty-seven each on an average. We need not be surprised, then, that we yet have so large a family of dependants to care for in New-Hampshire; nor should we on the whole regret it. By our fostering attention these bands of Christ's disciples have lived all along in this enfeebling and discouraging season, to strengthen and bless other churches, and thus we have labored to diffuse through their flowing channels the blessings of pious living far and wide over the State and the land. In this connection we cannot forbear an allusion to one other counteracting influence to our work, which will be understood when we say the Society has not always been successful in the employment of the right kind of men as missionaries. Men whose more than ordinary

imperfections, or whose natural blemishes, or whose dotage, bar their entrance into more eligible stations, are not the men for Home Missionaries, and to employ them is worse than to defeat the very objects of the cause. That the desolations of New-Hampshire have in some instances been made more desolate, and its feeble churches more feeble by failures of ministerial adaptation, is too clearly manifest by the facts in our history. That such facts have occurred is no impeachment of sagacity or fidelity on the part of the conductors of the enterprise. The like are incident to all moral and religious institutions under the conduct of imperfect man. To preserve the Home Missionary cause, to say the least, in a stationary condition, and prevent it from a positive loss, requires no little discernment of character, as well as wisdom and decision. However painful it may be that there are multitudes scattered over our territories having none to break unto them the bread of life, or to lead them in ways of righteousness, it is far better to leave them still to the guidance of their own darkened understanding and depraved hearts, than to send them those whose infirmities of body or mind unfit them to commend the work of the ministry to the hearts and consciences of men. These remarks may illustrate in part the inherent difficulties and responsibilities of conducting the operations of all Home Missionary societies, and they bespeak for them the charitable constructions of all their friends.

But let it not be inferred that this Society has generally been unfortunate in the selection of its laborers. It is not so. The instances hinted at are only exceptions. In looking over the list of ministers who have been its missionaries, whether itinerants, pastors, or stated supplies, it does us great pleasure to testify that so far as we have been able to compare, they have been and are not inferior as a class, in piety or in adaptation to the work of the ministry, to any other equal number of ministers who have lived, or are living in the State. They have been men of God, who have sought the salvation of his lost creatures with a self-denial and fidelity which he was delighted to honor, and whose example all along admonishes us this day to a like devotion to our Master.

After, therefore, abating from the sum of the whole matter all that we would regret, and all that reminds us that we as well as our predecessors are men of unclean lips, dwelling in the midst of a people of unclean lips, there is left a glorious amount of positive good to comfort and encourage our hearts. It may seem trite to say that New-Hampshire has been greatly blessed by our missionary organization. What she would have been without it we may imagine, but we cannot tell; but we can tell what she has been with it. We have told it, though imperfectly. We have told how much of her forgotten and neglected soil has been remembered and cultivated—we have told how many of her sons and daughters, bound in sin, have been made to rejoice in their liberty by the glad tidings of salvation —we have told how the tender age of childhood and youth has been nurtured in the Sabbath school, over all her hills and valleys—

in short, we might have told how much of her ignorance, folly and sin have been hid from the sight of God and man, by the temperance banner, the school-house, and the sanctuary. It is enough. Let God be praised; to him, and not ourselves, be all the glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The past, with all its changes and events—all its toils and achievements—all its good and evil, is no more. The tide of its affairs has ceased to flow—we have done with it forever. The future is now before us. The analogies furnished by the history of the past, and the requisitions of the present, give to the future a sort of revelation, making known unto us what are now our duties and responsibilities. Those who have gone before us have done their work, but ours is still to be accomplished. And as we know not how soon we may be called to give place to other laborers, nor what will be the issues of our efforts, it becomes us to give heed to the lesson of the "wise man,"—"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Our relations both to the State and National Institution, and especially our civil and moral relations as citizens of a great and growing empire, and above all, as citizens of a kingdom which is not of this world, naturally excite us to look abroad over the whole land and inquire, What do the State and Nation require of us? Though this Society has labored long and successfully to build up many of the desolations of the State, we yet see much feebleness and waste around us. With one half of the churches in New-Hampshire unable to give the ministry the small average support of $400 a year,—and consequently either dependent upon charity for a portion of that support, or liable to such dependance,—and with at least one quarter of all the towns of the State having no reasonable prospect of enjoying such institutions of religion as they need, unless furnished by the Society,—with these affecting facts before us, we cannot but be impressed with the importance of its labors both present and future, to the highest welfare of our domestic Zion. We venture the prediction that the time is not far distant when an intelligent ministry and the establishment of religious order will be earnestly sought at our hands, by the inhabitants of a certain class of towns who have hitherto disregarded them. The advancing light of the age by means of the press and the common school, will soon so elevate the popular mind in intelligence, if not in morals, that an untaught and ignorant ministry will be no longer tolerated by that portion of the masses that have regard for their own respectability and improvement. This new demand for intellectual food in the matter of public religious instruction, which is already apparent, and will become more and more so every year, cannot be met by others except to a limited degree. To the New-Hampshire Missionary Society it will make its appeals. The Society should not run before it is sent, for it may, by its untimely benevolence, close the door of its usefulness by its own hand.

It has only to wait the providence of God for the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

But while the State of New-Hampshire should ever receive the first and best attentions of the Society, the providence of God is now revealing to it an important part in the great Home Missionary agency, which, with kindred movements, is working out the salvation of our land, and deciding in no small measure the spiritual destiny of the whole human race. Fifty years ago what is now termed the East, was the only missionary field of the nation, containing the greater portion of its population, and absorbing nearly all the action of the church for home evangelization; but now we have a *West*, stretching far away beyond the mountains, and bounded only by the Pacific Ocean. During this period our territory has increased nearly four hundred and fifty per cent., i. e., from seven hundred and sixty thousand square miles to more than three million two hundred and fifty thousand, and its population has advanced in nearly the same ratio, i. e., from a little more than five million three hundred thousand to more than twenty-three million. And should our beloved land enjoy the the guardian protection of the God of nations, and its population go on in the same ratio of increase (and who can doubt it,) for the next fifty years, this Society will celebrate its Centennial anniversary in the midst of more than one hundred millions of people, dwelling on American soil. Doubtless there are some youthful ears present to-day, that will then listen to the recital of the marvellous works of our God for our country and for the world.

We are the descendents of Puritan ancestors, and like our fathers we have been disciplined in the school of Christ; how then can our conceptions of personal obligations to our country be otherwise than large and comprehensive? They foresaw that this nation could only be free, great and happy, as it grew on the stock of eternal truth; they therefore planted its seed, and they watered its young and tender plant with their flowing tears, and pruned it with their devoted hands. It is now a tree, but not yet grown, bequeathed to us in solemn charge. May we be found faithful in a due process of a skillful culture,—then will it send out its boughs to all the ends of the land, and its leaves shall be for the "healing of the nations."

Many reflections on this interesting occasion crowd upon our minds, but we must suppress them. We are admonished that the time is short. We realize it in that our fiftieth anniversary has come so soon, nor will it be long ere the friends of this Society will be assembled to review its deeds of mercy for a hundred years; but, my brethren, we shall none of us be present. The tomb will then be our resting-place, and the works we have done will have followed us to the judgment. While, then, we are still permitted to labor, let us obey the divine injunction,—"Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

SAMUEL FARRINGTON, *Treas.*

Dr.		**Cr.**	
To paid appropriations for the support of missionaries,	$4,230.00	By balance on hand Aug. 15, 1850,	$1,758.28
To paid appropriation to the Am. Home Miss. Society,	1,000.00	By donations, contributions and legacies,	7,819.61
To paid donations and legacies to the A. H. M. Society,	1,220.42	By payment from the permanent fund,	81.95
To paid permanent fund,	81.95	By income from the permanent fund,	88.88
To paid salary of Secretary and General Agent,	400.00	By interest and dividends,	49.42
To paid travelling expenses of do.,	50.00	By pay't for land sold in Rumford, Me.,	30.00
To paid for postage and stationery,	25.25		
To paid salary of Treasurer,	40.00		$9,828.14
To paid Tripp & Morril for printing Annual Reports,	76.52		
To paid freight on boxes, bundles, printing blanks, &c.,	10.99		
To balance on hand August 15, 1851,	2,693.01		
	$9,828.14		

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the account of SAMUEL FARRINGTON, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and that there is a balance in his hands of two thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and one cent. ($2,693.01.) HENRY A. NEWHALL, *Auditor.*

CONCORD, AUG. 15, 1851.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, for the year ending August 15, 1851.

Acworth—Cong. Ch. and Soc., $31,89; Female Charitable Soc., $16, . $47,89

Amherst—Benevolent Association for the A. H. M. S., 41,80; Mrs. L. Lawrence, to constitute her daughter, Sarah L. Lawrence, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30, ... 71,80

Andover—Congregational Church and Society, ... 4,00

Antrim—Pres. Ch., Gentlemen's Association, 14,50; Ladies' Association, 17,31; Sabbath school children, for the A. H. M. S., 6, . 37,81

Auburn—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in part to constitute Mrs. Amanda Holmes L. M., ... 22,00

Bedford—Pres. Ch. and Society, 108; Mrs. Sarah French, 30, . . 138,00

Bennington—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 19,00

Bethlehem—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 19,16

Bradford—Cong. Ch. and Society, in part to cons. Dea. M. Colby L. M., 14,97; A. B. Emerson, 1,75—also, 5 pairs of shoes to be sold; Rev. Daniel Goodhue, L. M., 10, ... 26,72

Boscawen East—Dr. Thomas Peach, annual sub., ... 2,00

Boscawen West—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 24; Paul Dodge, L. M., 30, . 54,00

Brentwood—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 25; Rev. James Boutwell, 7, . . 32,00

Bristol—Ladies and Gentlemen, in full, with 5 previously paid by himself, to constitute Rev. Daniel O. Morton L. M., . . . 25,00

Brookline—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in full to constitute Dea. Thomas Bennett L. M., 30; in part to constitute Emily T. Shedd L. M., 9, . 39,00

Campton—Cong. Ch. and Society, 10,10; David Bartlett, for the A. H. M. S., 2, ... 12,10

Canaan—Mrs. Sarah Harris, 5; Mrs. Ann Follansby, 1, ... 6,00

Candia—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 69,00

Canterbury—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 20,00

Chester—Cong. Ch. and Society, 51; John W. Noyes, in part to constitute his daughter Nancy L. M., 10; Mrs. Mary Hills, 40, . . 101,00

Claremont—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 28,57

Concord—1st Cong. Ch. and Soc., in full to constitute Mrs. Abigail Hall, Mrs. Betsey J. Moulton, and Miss Betsey Whitney life-members, 91,14; Mrs. Charlotte Woolson, in part to constitute her daughter Charlotte A., L. M., 5; Monthly Concert, 17,53; Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, in part to constitute her son Moses H., L. M., 5; Dea. Benj. Farnum and wife, in part to constitute their son Charles H., L. M., 10; Nathan Ballard, annual sub., 2, 130,67

Concord—East Cong. Ch. and Society, 5,44; Dea. John Eastman, L. M., 5; Rev. W. Fifield, 5th instalment to cons. his son Charles W., L. M., 5, ... 15,44

Concord—South Cong. Ch. and Society, 26,64; Rev. Benj. P. Stone and wife, in full to constitute his nephew, Benj. P. Stone, of Danbury, L. M., 10; Samuel Farrington, L. M., 10; Mrs. Mary Farrington, L. M., 5; unknown, in part to constitute Charles R. Green, of Georgia, L. M., 5, ... 56,64

Concord—West Cong. Ch. and Society, 13,53; Rev. Asa P. Tenney, in part to constitute his son A. P., L. M., 5, ... 18,53
Cornish—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 9,84
Derry—Pres. Ch. and Society, 33; do. for the A. H. M. S., 67, . . 100,00
Dover—Cong. Ch. and Society, 124,50; Mrs. W. Coffin, to constitute Mrs. Hannah C. Woodman L. M., 30, ... 154,50
Dublin—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 12,00
Dunbarton—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 12,10
Durham—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 40,00
Epping—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 18,54
Exeter—1st Cong. Ch. and Society, two collections, ... 37,75
Exeter—2d Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 36,48
Farmington—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 28,78
Fisherville—Cong. Ch. and Society, 6,01; Mrs. Jane Chandler, in part L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 10, ... 16,01
Fitzwilliam—Cong. Ch. and Society, 40; do. for the A. H. M. S., 50, . 90,00
Franklin—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 13,56
Franconia—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 5,00
Gilsum—Cong. Ch. and Society, 10,50; a friend, for the A. H. M. S., 5, 15,50
Gilmanton I. W.—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 5,64
Goffstown—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 7,00
Goshen—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 15,00
Great Falls—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 25,00
Groton—Mrs. Lewis Cummings, in part L. M., 5; Daniel Cummings, in full to constitute his wife Lois L. M., 5, ... 10,00
Hamstead—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 16,00
Hancock—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 21,00
Hanover—Dart. Coll. Ch. and Society, 20.88; do. for the A. H. M. S., 3,67, 24,55
Haverhill—Cong. Ch. and Society, to constitute Caroline A. Spaulding L. M., 31,86; Dea. A. K. Merrill, in part to constitute his son J. L. Merrill L. M., 5, ... 36,86
Haverhill—North Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 4,68
Harrisville—Cong. Ch. and Society, 7; Lovell Harris, in part to constitute Rev. W. G. Tuttle L. M., 10, ... 22,00
Henniker—Abel Connor, ... 10,00
Hillsborough Bridge—Cong. Ch. and Society, in full to constitute David Steele, Esq., L. M., 12,82; do. August, 1851, in part to constitute Tilton Symonds L. M., 10; do. for the A. H. M. S., 1, 23,82
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Jaffrey East—Cong. Ch. and Society, ... 4,33
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Lempster—1st Cong. Ch. and Society, two collections, ... 19,75
Litchfield—Monthly Concert, ... 10,00
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Lyme—Cong. Ch. and Society, 90; F. C., 10; Rev. Erdix Tenney, in part to constitute his son, Edwin Hawes, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10, 110,00
Lyndborough—Cong. Ch. and Society, to constitute Wm. Clark L. M., 49,47
Manchester—1st Cong. Ch. and Society, 26,89; James Hersey, 5, . 31,89
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Portsmouth—North Cong. ch. and society, 53; Ladies, for the A. H. M. S., 104,62, ... 157,62
Raymond—Cong. ch. and society, ... 13,80
Rindge—Cong. ch. and society, 17,54; Female Aux. Home Miss. Society, 27,35; J. B. Bruce, in part to cons. Mary E. Bruce L. M., 10, 54,89
Rochester—Cong. ch. and society, ... 28,90
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. ch. and society, 11,30, Rev. Corban Curtice, 5, —the whole in part to constitute Joseph L. Connor L. M., 16,30
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Washington—Cong. ch. and society, ... 10,00
Windham—Pres. ch. and society, ... 31,58
Winchester—Ladies' H. M. Society, in full to constitute Calvin Burnap L. M. of A. H. M. S., 6; do. to constitute Mrs. Elijah Alexander L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30; the balance in part to constitute Mrs. Wm. B. Hale L. M. of A. H. M. S., 22, . . . 58,00

Legacies.

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General Association at Great Falls, ... $27,50
From the Permanent Fund, ... 81,95
Income of the Permanent Fund, ... 88,88
Avails of Land sold in Rumford, Me., ... 30,00
Dividend and Interest, the avails of Sanborn Legacy, . . 49,42
Carroll County, a friend, ... 5,00
Coös County Conference of Churches, ... 9,35
Merrimack County Conference of Churches, ... 9,06
Sullivan County Conference of Churches, ... 7,80
New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, ... 1522,42
Balance brought from last year's account, ... 1758,28

$9828,14

Recapitulation.

Counties.	Donations & Legacies.	From Cent Soc.	Total.
Rockingham,	$783,11	$197,69	$980,80
Strafford,	277,18	55,00	332,18
Belknap,	45,74	61,03	106,77
Carroll,	83,00	79,01	162,01
Merrimack,	1930,71	278,19	2208,90
Hillsborough,	974,96	497,04	1472,00
Cheshire,	1087,57	59,85	1147,42
Sullivan,	361,34	107,53	468,87
Grafton,	567,80	187,34	755,14
Coös,	9,35		9,35
	$6120,76	$1522,68	$7643,44
Received from other sources,			426,42
Total receipts,			$8069,86

Received since the Account closed.

Antrim—Pres. ch. and society,	38,20
Littleton—Abijah Allen and wife, annual subscriptions,	4,00
Meredith Village—20; Mrs. S. H. Sanborn, 2,	22,00
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge,	2,00
Sanbornton—Cong. ch.,	10,00
North-Hampton—	27,27
Loudon—1st ch. and Sabbath school,	25,63
Charlestown—Cong. ch.,	20,00
Westmoreland—Cong. ch.,	30,00
Brentwood—Cong. ch., 23,50; Rev. Mr. Boutwell, 5,	28,50
Hanover—Mrs. Frances Moody,	1,00
Goshen—Cong. ch.,	1,10
Centre-Harbor—Cong. ch.,	12,95
Claremont—Cong. ch. and society,	1,89
Windham—Pres. ch.,	29,68
New-Boston—Pres. ch.,	13,79
Fisherville—Mrs. Jane Chandler,	15,00
General Association, Acworth,	43,77
Langdon—	,73

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Farnum Miss Nancy, Concord
Farr Dea. Daniel, Westmoreland
Fay E. Gerould, New-Alstead
Fay Hubbard, "
Felt Joseph, Sullivan
*Fisher Rev. Jabez, Deering
Fisher Mrs. Frances, "
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Fisher Moses B., Francestown
Fisk Dea. Abel, Wilton
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Fleming Rev. Archibald, Haverhill
Fletcher James, Danvers, Ms.
Foster Rev. Amos, Putney, Vt.
Freeman Asa, Dover
French Rev. Jonathan, North-Hampton
French James, Bedford
French John, Bedford
French Mrs. Anna, Bedford
French Lucy "
French Mrs. Sally, Bedford
French Dea. Joseph, Concord
Farrington Mrs. Mary "
Farmer Mrs. Sarah, Boscawen
Farley Dea. Isaac, Hollis
Farley Miss Eliza, "
Farley E. N. H., "
Farley Benjamin, "
Farley Mrs. Ruth, "
Fifield Rev. Winthrop, Concord
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Folsom Mrs. Mary, "
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Foster Ira, Concord
Furber Jeremiah, Sandwich
*Folsom John, Derry
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Gerrish Ann Eliza, Boscawen
Gerrish Moses, "
Gerrish Jacob, "
Gerrish Miss Martha, "
Gerrish Mrs. Jane L., "
Gerrish Abiel, "
Gerrish Mrs. Abigail, "
Gerrish Miss Maria, "
Gerrish Miss Jane P., "
Gillis Thomas W., Nashua
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Gilson Sally, Amherst
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Goodwin Rev. David, Brookline
Goodwin Dea. Joshua, Londonderry
Gould Mrs. Maria, Mont-Vernon
*Gould Elias, Henniker
Grant Alanson, Lyme
Grant Mrs., "
*Green Peter, Concord
Green Dea. Stephen, Hampton-Falls
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Green Miss Sarah, Dover
Greeley Rev. Stephen N., Springfield, Ms.
Greeley Mrs. Jane B., Haverhill
Griswold Rev. J. F., Washington

Grosvenor Rev. Moses G., Acworth
Guild Wm., Walpole
Gerrish Ann Eliza, Boscawen
Hadley Mrs. Joseph, Goffstown
Hall Mrs. Sarah T., Chester
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Hadlock Nathan, Bangor, Me.
*Hale Jonathan L., Campton
*Hale Mrs. Fanny, "
*Hamilton Mrs. Mary E., Lyme
Hardy Mrs. Naomi, Hollis
Hardy Mrs. J. M., Wilton
*Harris Rev. Walter, D. D., Dunbarton
*Harris Mrs. Jane, "
*Harris Rev. Samuel, Windham
Harvey Mrs. Mary, Surry
Hastings Dea. Stewart, Keene
Hatch Rev. Roger C., Warwick, Ms.
*Haven Rev. Jacob, Croydon
Hawley Mrs. Calista, Cornish
Hayes Rev. Amasa, Londonderry
Hayward Rev. W. H., New-Salem, Ms.
Herbert Rev. Charles D., Mont-Vernon
*Hidden Rev. Samuel, Tamworth
Hills John P., Hancock
Hill Joseph, Bennington
Hills Nathaniel, Boscawen
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Hidden Rev. E. N., Milford
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Hobart Rev. James, Barre, Vt.
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Holmes John, Londonderry
Holmes Mrs. Mary A., "
*Holt Rev. Peter, Greenfield
Holt Mrs. P. "
Holt Rev. Edwin, Greenland
Holt Nathan, Hollis
Holton Jesse, New-Ipswich
Holden Mrs. Eliza, "
House Rev. A. H., Acworth
Hoyt Stephen K., Warner
Humphrey John P., Derry
Humphrey John, "
Hurd Rev. Isaac, Exeter
Hutchinson Mrs. Joshua, Milford
*Hutchinson Rev. William, Gilsum
Hutchinson Mrs. Eunice, Lebanon
Hutchins Abel, jr., Concord
*Homer Rev. Jonathan, Newton, Ms.
Holmes Rev. James, Auburn
Humphrey Mrs. Amelia F., Londond'y
Jenney Elisha, Dover
Jennison Wm., Walpole
*Jewett Ralph W., Hollis
*Jewett Mrs. R., "
Jewett Rev. Wm. R., Plymouth
Jewett Mrs. H. A. C., "
Jewett Mrs. Rebecca, Plymouth
Keep Rev. John, Pelham
*Kelly Rev. John, Hampstead
Kellogg Rev. E. N., New-Boston
Kendall Mrs. Elizabeth, Bedford
Kendrick Mrs. Hannah, Lebanon
Kimball Rev. Ivory, Lyndeborough
Kimball Rev. Moses, Wethersfield, Vt.
Kimball Mrs. Moses, "
Kimball Joseph, Hancock
Kimball Rev. Reuben, Andover
Kimball Jeremiah, Warner
Kimball Chellis F., "
Kimball Daniel, "
Kimball Miss Sarah, Concord
Kimball John W., Beaver Dam, Wis.
Kingsbury Rev. Samuel, Tamworth
Kingsbury Joseph, jr., Francestown
*Kingsbury Joseph, "
Kingsbury Mrs. Silence, "
Kingsbury Mrs. Betsey, "
Kingsbury Miss Lucy A., "
Kingsbury George, "
Kingsbury Emily, "
Kittredge Dr. Josiah, Nashua
*Kittredge Mrs. Sarah, "
Kittredge Miss Mary C., "
Kittredge Timothy, Mont-Vernon
Kittredge Jonathan, Canaan
*Knight Rev. Isaac, Fisherville
*Knight Mrs. Phebe, "
Knight Mrs. Rebecca, Hancock
Lambert Mrs. Abigail, Lyme
Lamson William, Keene
Lancaster Rev. Daniel, Gilmanton
Lancaster Mrs. Henry, Manchester
Lane E. J., Dover
Lane Mrs. R. P., Pembroke
*Lane Rev. Joseph, "
Lane Rebecca M., "
Lane Charles J., "
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Latham Mrs. B., Lyme
Lawton Cyrus B., Hillsborough
Leach Rev. Giles, Meredith
Leach Mrs. Elizabeth, "
Lewis Rufus G., New-Hampton
Lewis Mrs. Sally G., "
Lewis Rufus S., "
Lawrence Elizabeth G., Amherst
*Leverett Elizabeth, Plymouth
LeBosquet Rev. John, Greenfield
Leland Miss Dorcas K., Hanover
Little Rev. Valentine, Salisbury
Little Enoch, Boscawen
Little James, "
Little Mrs. Caroline, Plymouth
Little Caleb, Goffstown
Little Mrs. Sarah, Illinois
Lock Charles P., Sullivan
Low Dr. Nathaniel, Dover
Lord Mrs. Priscilla, Piscataquog

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Ladd Mrs. Miriam S., Haverhill
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McGregore George, "
McGee Rev. Jonathan, Greenfield
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McFarland Dea. Asa, "
McGaw Robert, Merrimack
McGaw Sarah "
McNeil Peter, New-Boston
McPherson Sally, Acworth
McQuesten Mary E., Plymouth
*McQuesten Dr. David, Washington
McQuesten Dea. Alvah, Plymouth
Mack Sophia, Bedford
Mack Rufus K., "
Mack Daniel, "
Mack Daniel K., "
Mack Andrew, Gilmanton
Mack Maria L., "
Mann Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
Manning Rev. Abel, Pembroke
Manning Mrs. Mary, "
*Mason Rev. Samuel, Kingston
*Matheson Rev. J., D. D., Durham, Eng.
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Melendy Samuel B., "
*Metcalf Elizabeth, Keene
Metcalf Eli,
Merrill Rev. T. A., D. D., Middlebury, Vt
*Merrill Enos, Deering
Merrill John, Weare
Merrill Rev. Joseph, Dracut, Ms.
Miller Mrs. James, Plymouth
Miner Polly, Lempster
Moore Rev. Humphrey, Milford
Moore Mrs., "
Moore Timothy, Hancock
Morse Lucinda, "
Morse Loring, "
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*Morril David L., "
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*Newell Sophia, "
*Newell Jeremiah, Newport
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Parker Rev. Henry E., Concord
Parker Hon. Abel, Jaffrey
Parker Mrs. Sarah, Nashua
Parker Hon. Edmund, "
Parker Dea. Caleb, Concord
Patrick Rev. William, Canterbury
Patrick Mrs. Mary, "
Parsons Benjamin H., Meriden
Patten William, Bedford
Patten Dea. Francis, Candia
Paul Moses, Dover
Parkhurst Rufus, Bedford
Peach Mrs. Susan, Boscawen
Perkins Rev. J. W., New-Alstead
Perkins Mrs. Frances C., "
Perkins Hiram, Mont-Vernon
Perkins Lewis, New-Alstead
Perkins Dea. John, Derry
Perkins Charles G., "
*Perry Rev. Baxter, Lyme
Perry Rev. David, Pepperell, Mass.
Perry Mrs. A. D., "
Perry Miss Caroline A., "
Perry Miss Julia Anne S., "
Peters Rev. A., D. D., Williamstown, Ms.
Peters George Absalom, "
Peirce Dea. Andrew, Dover
*Piper Rev. Asa, Wakefield
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*Proctor John, Henniker
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Putnam Rev. Israel W., Middleboro', Ms.
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Rand Dea. Isaac, Keene
Rankin Rev. A., West-Stewartstown
Reed William, jr., Amherst
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Reed Mrs. Mary W., Rindge
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*Ripley James, Cornish
Rich Rev. Ezekiel, Troy
Richards Rev. Austin, Nashua
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Richards Rev. J. DeF., Charlestown
Richards Mrs. H. B. J., "
Richards C. J., Meriden
Richardson Rev. Wm., Manchester
Richardson, Mrs. Olive T., "
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Rogers John P., Plymouth
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Rogers Walter M., "
Rogers William S., "
Rogers Edmund P., "
Rogers Mrs. Nancy, "
*Rogers Mrs. Elizabeth, Plymouth
*Rogers Nathaniel P., Concord
Rogers Mrs. Lucy, Westmoreland
*Rogers James P., Bradford
Root Rev. David, Guilford, Conn.
Root Mrs. Mary E., " "
Root Miss Mary E., " "
*Rossiter Sherman, Claremont
*Rowland Rev. Wm. F., Exeter
Rowell Dea. Ira, Concord
Robeson Abel B., Walpole
Roundy Reuben, Lempster
Rowe Rev. E. T., Meriden
Rowe Mrs. Fanny, Meredith Bridge
Runnels Dea. Hazen, Concord
*Russell Hon. Moore, Plymouth
*Russell Mrs. Moore, "
Russell Mrs. Susan C., "
Russell William, "
Russell Alfred, Plymouth
Russell George P., "
Russell William W., "
Russell David, "
Russell David M., "
Russell Rev. Charles P., Candia
Russell Carey, Newport
Russell David, Amherst
Russell Dea. Dawson, Hillsboro'
*Sanborn Mrs. Abigail, Franklin
*Sabin Rev. John, Fitzwilliam
Sawyer Dea. Tristram, Hillsboro' Br.
Sargent Dea. James, Warner
*Scales Mrs. Nancy B., Plainfield
Scales Rev. Jacob, Plainfield
Scales Thomas S., "
Scales Mrs. P. F., Plainfield
Scripture Oliver, Hollis
Savage Rev. Thomas, Bedford
Savage Mrs. Thomas, "
Savage Rev. Wm., Franklin
Searle Mrs. Moses C., Haverhill
Seavey Mrs. Belinda, Concord
Shattuck Mrs. R., Walpole
Shurtleff Miss Miranda, Rindge
Shedd Mrs. Elizabeth, Campton
Simonds Dea. F. W., Hillsborough
Smith Rev. James A., Conn.
Smith Mrs. Mary M., "
Smith Dea. William T., Deerfield
Smith Mrs. Susannah, Franklin
*Smith Rev. David P., Greenfield
Smith Mrs. Mary Jane, "
Smith Mrs. John, York, Me.
Smith Rev. John, "
*Smith Mrs. Mary E., Exeter
Smith Mary Ann, Hollis
*Smith Rev. Eli, "
Smith Mrs. Amy, "
Smith Mrs. Ruth, "
Smith Obadiah, Holderness
Smith Mrs. Eliza "
Smith Rev. Bezeleel, Roxbury
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Sparhawk Miss Rebecca, Walpole
Spaulding Mrs. Dorothy E., Nashua
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Starrett A. G., "
Starrett Mrs. A. E., "
Starrett J. A., "
Steele Robert, Antrim
Steele David, Goffstown
Steele David, Hillsborough Bridge
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Stevens Lyman D., Concord
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Stickney Nathan, Concord
Stickney Mrs. Mary G., Concord
Stone Rev. B. P., Concord

Stone Mrs. Apphia F., Concord
Stone George W., "
Stone Benj. P., Danbury
Storrs Rev. R. S., D. D., Braintree, Ms.
Strong Rev. Eliphalet K., Hinsdale
Sutherland Rev. David, Bath
Sutherland Mrs., "
Shedd Rev. Charles, Campton
Shedd Calvin R., Brookline
Society, American Peace
Stratton Charles, Walpole
Spofford Chandler, Bedford
Sturtevant Mrs. Luther, Keene
Stearns Dea. Isaac, Dunbarton
Symond Tilton, Hillsboro' Bridge
Symonds Dea. Fr. W., Carthage, N. Y.
Talbot Rev. Wm. K., Hudson
Taylor Rev. Eli W., Williamstown, Vt.
Taylor Henry, Derry
Taylor James, "
Tarlton Rev. J. W., Hooksett
Tenney Rev. Asa P., Concord
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Tenney Miss Mary, 2d, "
Tenney Mrs. Persis, Londonderry
Tenney Mrs. Benjamin, Groton
Tenney Benjamin, "
Tenney Rev. Erdix, Lyme
Tenney Mrs. Rebecca, Chester
Tenney Jonathan, Pittsfield, Ms.
Thompson Wm. Charles, Plymouth
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Tyler Jeremiah H. C., Pelham
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Trussell Jacob, Boscawen
Trussell Mrs. Persis, "
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*Vose John, Atkinson
Waitt Rev. Aaron, Andover
*Walker Rev. Charles, New-Ipswich
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Wallace Andrew, Amherst
Wallace Rev. C. W., Manchester
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Webster, Mrs. Elizabeth, Hopkinton, Ms.
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*Webster Wm. G., Concord
*Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen
Webster Mrs. Mary P., Haverhill
Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland
Wellman Mrs. Eliza, Cornish
White Rev. Broughton, Putney, Vt.
White Rev. Henry, Loudon Village
White Mrs. Lucy S., Westmoreland
White Mrs. Ruth, Goshen
Whiton Rev. John M., Antrim
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Whittemore Mrs. Deborah, "
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Whittemore Timothy C., Bennington
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Wheeler Rev. Abraham, Candia
Wheeler Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
Whitney Pliny, Milford
Whitney Elnathan, Goffstown
Whitney Miss Betsey, Concord
Wilde Rev. John, Falmouth, Me.
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Wilder Mrs. Abijah, Keene
Willey Miss Miriam, Campton
Willey Rev. Benjamin G., Pembroke
Willey Rachel, "
Willey Jacob M., "
Willey Rev. Isaac, Goffstown
Willey Mrs. Isaac, "
Williams Rev. William, Salem, Ms.
Wilkins James, Henniker
Wilson Mrs. Anne, Dunbarton
*Wingate Mrs. Elizabeth, Stratham
Winslow Rev. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.
Winslow Mrs. Sarah W., " "
*Winter Rev. John S., Ossipee
Wright Mrs. Dorcas, Dunstable
Wright Jathan T., Hollis
Wood Dea. Stephen, "
*Wood Samuel, D. D., Boscawen
*Wood Mrs. Eunice, "
Wood Rev. Henry, Concord
Wood Amos, Alstead
Wood Rev. Horace, Ossipee
Woods Rev. John, Newport
Woods John jr., "
Woods Charles H., "
Woodman William, Dover
Woodman Mrs. R. E., "
Woodman Mrs. P. W., Winchendon, Ms.
Woodman Mrs. Hannah C., Dover

Wyman Sarah, Cornish
Wells Rev. Moses H., Pittsfield
Wells Mrs. Ann P., "
Wingate Aaron, Weare
Wheeler Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
Wilder Mrs. Azel, Keene

Young Rev. John K., Meredith
Young Mrs. Mary W., "
Young Rev. Jere. S., So. Andover, Ms.
Young Harriet F., " "
Farwell Rev. J. E., Rochester
Morrison Dea. S., Hillsborough,
McCollom, Rev. J. T., Great Falls

APPENDIX.

A.

Among the Ministers who met at the house of Rev. Mr. Smith, of Hopkinton, June 3, 1801, the names of the following only appear on the records of the Society:

Joseph Woodman,
Ethan Smith,
Walter Harris,
Zacheus Colby,
Thomas Worcester,
Elihu Thayer.

How many others were present, we have no means of knowing.

B.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. Joseph Woodman,
" Samuel Wood,
" Zacheus Colby,
" Josiah Babcock,
" Daniel Oliver,
" Elihu Thayer,
" Jesse Remington,
" Walter Harris,
" Pearson Thurston,
" Josiah Carpenter,
" Ethan Smith,
" Thomas Worcester,
Rev. Eli Smith,
" Sylvester Dana,
" John Webber,
" John H. Church,
" John Kelley,
" Ebenezer Flint,
" Asa McFarland,
" David L. Morril,
Col. John Calfe,
John Mills,
Enoch Long.

The above gentlemen gave their signatures to the constitution as members. There were doubtless many other friends of the Society present, who subsequently enrolled their names as members.

The above named Founders of the Society have all deceased, the last of whom died since the present year commenced.

C.

List of Officers of the Society, from its origin to the present time.

PRESIDENTS.

Chosen.		Time of Office.
1801.	Rev. Elihu Thayer, D. D.,	10 years.
1811.	Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D.,	11 "
1823.	Hon. David L. Morril, LL. D.,	2 "
1825.	Rev. Bennet Tyler, D. D.,	3 "
1828.	Rev. John H. Church, D. D.,	10 "
1838.	Rev. Abraham Burnham, D. D.,	14 "

Mr. Burnham is still in office.

SECRETARIES.

1801.	Rev. Ethan Smith,	16 years.
1817.	Rev. Abraham Burnham,	15 "
1832.	Rev. Jacob Scales,	2 "
1834.	Rev. Isaac Willey,	3 "
1837.	Rev. Benjamin F. Stone,	14 "

TREASURERS.

1801.	Enoch Long, Jr.,	16 years.
1817.	Isaac Long,	4 "
1821.	Nathaniel Abbot,	11 "
1832.	Francis N. Fisk,	9 "
1841.	Tenny K. Gage,	3 "
1844.	William D. Buck,	2 "
1846.	Samuel Farmington,	5 "

TRUSTEES.

When elected.		Years in Office.
1801.	Rev. Joseph Woodman,	3 years consecutively.
1801.	" Samuel Wood,	13 " "
1802.	" William Morrison,	16 " "
1801.	" Walter Harris,	22 " "
1801.	" Jesse Remington,	7 " "
1801.	" Major John Mills,	9 " "
1801.	" Zacheus Colby,	1 "
1803.	" Aaron Hall,	1 "
1803.	" Isaac Smith,	3 " "
1803.	" Curtis Coe,	3 " "
1803.	" Asa McFarland,	9 " "
1804.	" Moses Bradford,	23 " "
1806.	" Josiah Carpenter,	1 "
1806.	" Abijah Wines,	11 " "
1808.	" Pearson Thurston,	5 " "
1808.	" William F. Rowland,	17 " "
1809.	Hon. Thomas W. Thompson,	13 " "
1811.	Wm. H. Woodman, Esq.,	5 " "
1813.	Rev. T. Moore,	2 " "
1814.	" A. Burnham,	7 " "
1816.	" Samuel Hidden,	11 " "
1816.	Joseph Town, Esq.,	3 " "
1817.	" Joseph Rowell,	9 " "
1817.	" Drury Fairbank,	6 " at different times.
1818.	" Jonathan Curtis,	8 " consecutively.
1819.	" Roswell Shurtleff,	4 " "
1820.	" Eli Smith,	9 " "
1822.	Hon. David L. Morril,	1 "
1823.	" Luke A. Spofford,	5 " "
1823.	Samuel Fletcher, Esq.,	2 " "
1823.	" Z. S. Barstow,	3 " at different times.
1824.	" P. Cooke,	13 " " "
1825.	" John M. Whiton,	3 " consecutively.
1825.	" Federal Burt,	3 " "
1825.	" Roger E. Hatch,	3 " "
1826.	" Nathaniel Proctor,	18 " at different times.
1826.	Dr. Josiah Kittredge,	6 " consecutively.
1827.	Rev. Jonathan Ward,	6 " "
1628.	" Seth S. Arnold,	3 " "

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McGaw Robert, Merrimack
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Montgomery Thomas, Whitefield

*Newman Rev. William J., Stratham
Newman Mrs., "
Newell Rev. Gad, Nelson
*Newell Sophia, "
*Newell Jeremiah, Newport
Newell Jeremiah, New-Ipswich
Norwood Rev. Francis, Gilford
Norton Rev. E., Sullivan
Nott Rev. Handel G., Dunstable
Noyes Rev. Daniel J., Hanover
Noyes Mrs. D. J., "
Noyes Parker, Franklin
Noyes Mrs. Parker, "
Noyes Isabel A., Chester
Noyes Mrs. Lucy, Manchester
Noyes Mrs. Harriet M., Campton
Noyes J. W., Chester
Noyes Mrs. Clara D., Chester
Noyes Elisabeth McFarland, Chester
Osgood Nathaniel, Henniker
Ordway Samuel, Hancock
Page Rev. William, Hudson
*Parker Rev. Edward L., Derry
Parker Mrs. Mehitable, "
Parker Edward P., "
Parker John, Litchfield
Parker Mrs. Mary, Merrimack
Parker Mrs. Elijah, Keene
Parker Rev. Henry E., Concord
Parker Hon. Abel, Jaffrey
Parker Mrs. Sarah, Nashua
Parker Hon. Edmund, "
Parker Dea. Caleb, Concord
Patrick Rev. William, Canterbury
Patrick Mrs. Mary, "
Parsons Benjamin H., Meriden
Patten William, Bedford
Patten Dea. Francis, Candia
Paul Moses, Dover
Parkhurst Rufus, Bedford
Peach Mrs. Susan, Boscawen
Perkins Rev. J. W., New-Alstead
Perkins Mrs. Frances C., "
Perkins Hiram, Mont-Vernon
Perkins Lewis, New-Alstead
Perkins Dea. John, Derry
Perkins Charles G., "
*Perry Rev. Baxter, Lyme
Perry Rev. David, Pepperell, Mass.
Perry Mrs. A. D., "
Perry Miss Caroline A., "
Perry Miss Julia Anne S., "
Peters Rev. A., D. D., Williamstown, Ms.
Peters George Absalom, "
Peirce Dea. Andrew, Dover
*Piper Rev. Asa, Wakefield
Pillsbury Oliver, Henniker
Pillsbury Miss Eliza J., Boscawen
Plummer Abigail G., Boscawen
Porter I. A., Dover
*Porter Nathaniel, Lebanon
Pratt Mrs. S., Syracuse, N. Y.

Prentice Rev. Josiah, Northwood
*Prentice Mrs. Nancy, "
Price Miss Lucy E., Boscawen
Price Rev. Ebenezer, "
Price Mrs. Lucy, "
*Proctor John, Henniker
Punchard Rev. George, Boston, Ms.
Punchard Mrs. Willemine, "
Punchard Rev. John, Salem, Ms.
Putnam Rev. John M., Dunbarton
Putnam Mrs. Arethusa, "
*Putnam Henry Martin, "
Putnam Rev. Israel W., Middleboro', Ms.
Putnam Rufus A. jr., Epsom
Rand Dea. Isaac, Keene
Rankin Rev. A., West-Stewartstown
Reed William, jr., Amherst
Reed Andrew, D. D., London, Eng.
Reed Mrs. Mary W., Rindge
Reed Mrs. Abby, Manchester
Richmond Rev. Ths. T., New-Market
*Ripley James, Cornish
Rich Rev. Ezekiel, Troy
Richards Rev. Austin, Nashua
Richards Mrs. Maria, "
Richards Rev. J. DeF., Charlestown
Richards Mrs. H. B. J., "
Richards C. J., Meriden
Richardson Rev. Wm., Manchester
Richardson, Mrs. Olive T., "
*Rolfe Dea. Abiel, Concord
Robinson Rev. Isaac, Stoddard
Robinson Mrs. Esther, "
Robeson Mrs. Susan, Walpole
Rogers Rev. Stephen, Westmoreland
Rogers John P., Plymouth
Rogers John "
Rogers Walter M., "
Rogers William S., "
Rogers Edmund P., "
Rogers Mrs. Nancy, "
*Rogers Mrs. Elizabeth, Plymouth
*Rogers Nathaniel P., Concord
Rogers Mrs. Lucy, Westmoreland
*Rogers James P., Bradford
Root Rev. David, Guilford, Conn.
Root Mrs. Mary E., " "
Root Miss Mary E., " "
*Rossiter Sherman, Claremont
*Rowland Rev. Wm. F., Exeter
Rowell Dea. Ira, Concord
Robeson Abel B., Walpole
Roundy Reuben, Lempster
Rowe Rev. E. T., Meriden
Rowe Mrs. Fanny, Meredith Bridge
Runnels Dea. Hazen, Concord
*Russell Hon. Moore, Plymouth
*Russell Mrs. Moore, "
Russell Mrs. Susan C., "
Russell William, "
Russell Alfred, Plymouth
Russell George P., "
Russell William W., "
Russell David, "
Russell David M., "
Russell Rev. Charles P., Candia
Russell Carey, Newport
Russell David, Amherst
Russell Dea. Dawson, Hillsboro'
*Sanborn Mrs. Abigail, Franklin
*Sabin Rev. John, Fitzwilliam
Sawyer Dea. Tristram, Hillsboro' Br.
Sargent Dea. James, Warner
*Scales Mrs. Nancy B., Plainfield
Scales Rev. Jacob, Plainfield
Scales Thomas S., "
Scales Mrs. P. F., Plainfield
Scripture Oliver, Hollis
Savage Rev. Thomas, Bedford
Savage Mrs. Thomas, "
Savage Rev. Wm., Franklin
Searle Mrs. Moses C., Haverhill
Seavey Mrs. Belinda, Concord
Shattuck Mrs. R., Walpole
Shurtleff Miss Miranda, Rindge
Shedd Mrs. Elizabeth, Campton
Simonds Dea. F. W., Hillsborough
Smith Rev. James A., Conn.
Smith Mrs. Mary M., "
Smith Dea. William T., Deerfield
Smith Mrs. Susannah, Franklin
*Smith Rev. David P., Greenfield
Smith Mrs. Mary Jane, "
Smith Mrs. John, York, Me.
Smith Rev. John, "
*Smith Mrs. Mary E., Exeter
Smith Mary Ann, Hollis
*Smith Rev. Eli, "
Smith Mrs. Amy, "
Smith Mrs. Ruth, "
Smith Obadiah, Holderness
Smith Mrs. Eliza "
Smith Rev. Bezeleel, Roxbury
Spaulding Miss Caroline A., Haverhill
Sparhawk Miss Rebecca, Walpole
Spaulding Mrs. Dorothy E., Nashua
Starrett Dea. J. A., Mont-Vernon
Starrett A. G., "
Starrett Mrs. A. E., "
Starrett J. A., "
Steele Robert, Antrim
Steele David, Goffstown
Steele David, Hillsborough Bridge
Stevens Samuel J., Claremont
Stevens Joseph, Loudon
Stevens Lyman D., Concord
Stickney Mrs. Ruth, Newburyport, Ms.
Stickney Nathan, Concord
Stickney Mrs. Mary G., Concord
Stone Rev. B. P., Concord

Stone Mrs. Apphia F., Concord
Stone George W., "
Stone Benj. P., Danbury
Storrs Rev. R. S., D. D., Braintree, Ms.
Strong Rev. Eliphalet K., Hinsdale
Sutherland Rev. David, Bath
Sutherland Mrs., "
Shedd Rev. Charles, Campton
Shedd Calvin R., Brookline
Society, American Peace
Stratton Charles, Walpole
Spofford Chandler, Bedford
Sturtevant Mrs. Luther, Keene
Stearns Dea. Isaac, Dunbarton
Symond Tilton, Hillsboro' Bridge
Symonds Dea. Fr. W., Carthage, N. Y.
Talbot Rev. Wm. K., Hudson
Taylor Rev. Eli W., Williamstown, Vt.
Taylor Henry, Derry
Taylor James, "
Tarlton Rev. J. W., Hooksett
Tenney Rev. Asa P., Concord
Tenney Mrs. Mary, "
Tenney Miss Mary, 2d, "
Tenney Mrs. Persis, Londonderry
Tenney Mrs. Benjamin, Groton
Tenney Benjamin, "
Tenney Rev. Erdix, Lyme
Tenney Mrs. Rebecca, Chester
Tenney Jonathan, Pittsfield, Ms.
Thompson Wm. Charles, Plymouth
*Thompson Mrs. Elizabeth, "
*Thompson Mrs. Isabella, "
Thompson William Coombs "
*Thatcher Rev. Orlando G., Bradford
Thornton Mrs. Susan B., Plymouth
Thorndike Dea. J. L., Pittsfield
Thorndike Mrs. J. L., "
Thurston Asa, Exeter
Thurston Asa, Hill
Tilton Jeremiah, Sanbornton Bridge
Townsend Rev. Luther, Troy
Townsend Mrs. L. M. "
Tisdale Rev. James, Gilsum
Tisdale Mrs. M. C., "
Tolman Rev. S. H., Merrimack
Towne Ezra Carter, "
Tracy Rev. C. B., Boscawen
Tracy Mrs. Jane M., "
Tyler Jeremiah H. C., Pelham
Tyler Jeremiah, "
Tyler Mrs. Thankful, "
Trussell Jacob, Boscawen
Trussell Mrs. Persis, "
Upham Mrs. Eliza W., Concord
Utley Rev. Samuel, Epping
*Vose John, Atkinson
Waitt Rev. Aaron, Andover
*Walker Rev. Charles, New-Ipswich
Walker Henry L., "
Walker Timna, Westmoreland
Wallace Andrew, Amherst
Wallace Rev. C. W., Manchester
Wallace Widow, "
Ward Rev. Jonathan, Brentwood
Wellman Rev. Jubilee, Lowell, Vt.
Wells Mrs. Sarah L., Hopkinton
Weare Mrs. Hannah, Acworth
Webster, Mrs. Elizabeth, Hopkinton, Ms.
*Webster Rev. Josiah, Hampton
*Webster Wm. G., Concord
*Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen
Webster Mrs. Mary P., Haverhill
Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland
Wellman Mrs. Eliza, Cornish
White Rev. Broughton, Putney, Vt.
White Rev. Henry, Loudon Village
White Mrs. Lucy S., Westmoreland
White Mrs. Ruth, Goshen
Whiton Rev. John M., Antrim
Whiton Mrs. Abby M., "
Whittemore Charles P., Hancock
Whittemore Mrs. Deborah, "
Whittemore Benjamin, "
Whittemore Timothy C., Bennington
Wheeler Miss Anna, Keene
Wheeler Rev. Abraham, Candia
Wheeler Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
Whitney Pliny, Milford
Whitney Elnathan, Goffstown
Whitney Miss Betsey, Concord
Wilde Rev. John, Falmouth, Me.
Wilde Mrs. Julia M., "
Wilder Mrs. Abijah, Keene
Willey Miss Miriam, Campton
Willey Rev. Benjamin G., Pembroke
Willey Rachel, "
Willey Jacob M., "
Willey Rev. Isaac, Goffstown
Willey Mrs. Isaac. "
Williams Rev. William, Salem, Ms.
Wilkins James, Henniker
Wilson Mrs. Anne, Dunbarton
*Wingate Mrs. Elizabeth, Stratham
Winslow Rev. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.
Winslow Mrs. Sarah W., " "
*Winter Rev. John S., Ossipee
Wright Mrs. Dorcas, Dunstable
Wright Jathan T., Hollis
Wood Dea. Stephen, "
*Wood Samuel, D. D., Boscawen
*Wood Mrs. Eunice, "
Wood Rev. Henry, Concord
Wood Amos, Alstead
Wood Rev. Horace, Ossipee
Woods Rev. John, Newport
Woods John jr., "
Woods Charles H., "
Woodman William, Dover
Woodman Mrs. R. E., "
Woodman Mrs. P. W., Winchendon, Ms.
Woodman Mrs. Hannah C., Dover

Wyman Sarah, Cornish
Wells Rev. Moses H., Pittsfield
Wells Mrs. Ann P., "
Wingate Aaron, Weare
Wheeler Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
Wilder Mrs. Azel, Keene

Young Rev. John K., Meredith
Young Mrs. Mary W., "
Young Rev. Jere. S., So. Andover, Ms.
Young Harriet F., " "
Farwell Rev. J. E., Rochester
Morrison Dea. S., Hillsborough,
McCollom, Rev. J. T., Great Falls

1817.	Great Falls,	Independent.
1812.	*Alton,	Nearly extinct.
1812.	*Centre-Harbor,	
1826.	Gilmanton Centre,	Independent.
1830.	Gilmanton Iron Works,	Independent.
1811.	Meredith Bridge,	Independent.
1812.	*Meredith Village,	Independent a few years.
1834.	New-Hampton,	Became extinct by union with Bristol.
1820.	Conway,	Independent.
1812.	*Effingham,	
1829.	*Moultonboro',	Independent several years.
1812.	*Ossipee,	
1814.	*Sandwich,	
1814.	*Sandwich, North,	
1812.	*Tuftonboro',	
1812.	*Wakefield,	
1812.	*Wolfboro',	
1839.	*Wolfboro', North,	
1828.	*Andover,	
1821.	*Bradford,	Independent a few years.
1828.	Epsom,	Independent.
1820.	Franklin,	Independent.
1833.	*Hooksett,	
1811.	Loudon,	Independent.
1833.	*Loudon Village,	
1820.	Sanbornton Bridge,	Independent.
1817.	Pittsfield,	Independent.
1825.	*Warner,	
1813.	*Wilmot,	
1842.	*Bennington,	
1825.	*Brookline,	
1830.	Deering,	Independent.
1818.	Goffstown,	Independent.
1831.	*Hudson,	
1833.	*Litchfield,	
1826.	Manchester & Amoskeag,	United in 1st church, Manchester.
1849.	*Mason,	
1831.	Merrimack,	Independent.
1831.	*Merrimack Society,	
1823.	Sharon,	Nearly extinct.
1826.	Wilton,	Independent.
1828.	New-Alstead,	Independent.
1834.	Chesterfield,	Independent.
1830.	*Dublin,	
1820.	*Gilsum,	
1822.	Hinsdale,	Independent.
1830.	Marlboro',	Independent.
1822.	Marlow,	Extinct.
1826.	*Roxbury,	
1837.	*Surry,	
1825.	Swanzey,	Independent.
1824.	Troy,	Independent.
1834.	Walpole,	Independent.
1834.	*Charlestown,	
1813.	*Goshen,	
1816.	*Langdon,	
1825.	*Plainfield,	
1813.	Springfield,	Extinct.
1813.	*Unity,	
1831.	*Washington,	
1813.	Wendell,	Extinct.

1812.	Alexandria,	Extinct.
1802.	Bath,	Independent.
1802.	*Bethlehem,	
1812.	*Bridgewater,	
1820.	Bristol,	Independent.
1812.	*Canaan,	
1812.	*Danbury,	
1812.	Dorchester,	Extinct, or nearly.
1816.	*Enfield,	
1803.	*Franconia,	
1815.	*Groton,	
1815.	*Haverhill, North,	
1815.	*Hebron,	
1812.	*Hill,	
1812.	Littleton,	Independent.
1802.	Lyman, East,	Extinct, or nearly.
1802.	Lyman, West,	Extinct.
1812.	Orange,	Extinct.
1812.	Piermont,	Independent.
1819.	*Thornton,	
1812.	Wentworth,	Independent.
1802.	Colebrook,	Independent.
1811.	*Dalton,	
1830.	Lancaster,	Independent.
1802.	Percy,	Extinct.
1803.	Pittsburg,	Extinct.
1812.	*Shelburne,	
1802.	*Stewartstown,	
1812.	*Whitefield,	
1842.	*Paper Mill Village.	

In all 114.

NOTE. The years denote the time when missionaries were first sent, whether itinerate or permanent laborers.

H.

Permanent Fund.

The Permanent Fund is now invested as follows:

Twenty shares in Concord Railroad, - - - -	$1090,00
Legacy of Sherman Rossiter, of Claremont, in the hands of a Trustee,	200,00
Note signed by Ozias Holmes, &c. - - - - -	206,37
Note signed by Luke A. Spofford, - - - - -	250,00
One slip in Congregational Meeting House at Stratham, valued at	50,00
Note signed by Eaton Richards, - - - - -	81,95
	$1878,32

I.

The following ladies have been Treasurers of the Female Cent Institution:

1812.	Elizabeth McFarland,	1828.	Elizabeth McFarland,
1820.	Nancy B. Fletcher,	1838.	Nancy B. Fletcher,
		1842.	Apphia F. Stone.

J.

TABLE, showing the receipts of the N. H. M. S., and also of the A. H. M. S., from this State, for each year during the half century.

Years.	Don. and leg. for the N. H. M. S.	Don. and leg. for the A. H. M. S. paid into Treas. of N. H. M. S.	Appropria'ns of surplus funds to the A. H. M. S.	Donations and legac's directed to the A. H. M. S.	Total for the A. H. M. S. from N. H.	Grand total for the cause.
1802.	$ 51.63					$ 51.63
1803.	386.63					386.63
1804.	300.46					300.46
1805.	405.09					405.09
1806.	602.84					602.84
1807.	611.49					611.49
1808.	600.66					600.66
1809.	1290.48					1290.48
1810.	735.92					735.92
1811.	1288.27					1288.27
1812.	953.92					953.92
1813.	1520.68					1520.68
1814.	932.27					932.27
1815.	2638.90					2638.90
1816.	2807.98					2807.98
1817.	2633.36					2633.36
1818.	2395.05					2395.05
1819.	2427.10					2427.10
1820.	2537.21					2537.21
1821.	1712.56					1712.56
1822.	1851.07					1851.07
1823.	1755.13					1755.13
1824.	1846.20					1846.20
1825.	2637.44					2637.44
1826.	1869.09					1869.09
1827.	1872.07					1872.07
1828.	3210.65			$ 53.00	$ 53.00	3263.65
1829.	1875.52			84.31	84.31	1951.83
1830.	2350.61			66.10	66.10	2416.71
1831.	2392.17			87.69	87.69	2479.86
1832.	1935.63	$ 54.75		435.71	490.46	2371.34
1833.	5335.28		$ 300.00	485.47	785.47	5820.75
1834.	5380.34	247.32	300.00	290.32	837.64	5670.66
1835.	4599.67		500.00	243.57	743.57	4843.24
1836.	7239.87	73.00	500.00	556.37	1129.37	7795.24
1837.	4744 02			198.00	198.00	4942.02
1838.	5366.81	90.75		139.32	230.08	5506.14
1839.	4614.37	30.00		610.00	640.00	5224.37
1840.	4626.83			212.37	212.57	4839.40
1841.	4139.74	612.00		892.00	1504.00	5031.74
1842.	4907.94	386.61		527.96	914.57	5435.90
1843.	4509.89	635.72		1320.49	1956.21	5830.38
1844.	7063.21	519.22	500.00	328.15	1347.37	7391.36
1845.	4431.96	1211.11		473.31	1684.42	4910.27
1846.	6741.82	1360.12		2285.33	3645.45	9027.15
1847.	5825.67	743.16		728.84	1472.00	6554.51
1848.	5483.18	516.26	500.00	1509.00	2525.26	6992.18
1849.	5193.24	983.88	300.00	1717.13	3001.01	6910.37
1850.	6398.24	607.05	1000.00	967.70	2576.75	7367.94
1851.	8075.86	2220.42	1000 00	1878.61	4099.03	9954.47

From the above table it appears that the whole amount received in N. H. for the 50 years for the cause of Home missions is $170,103.18. Of this sum $141,191.85 have been expended in N. H. and the vicinity, and $29,311.33 have been expended in the Great West.

K.

To the Christian Public.

To meet the convenience of contributors to the cause of Home Missions, and at the same time to gratify the wishes of all such as may desire to direct the manner in which their contributions shall be expended, the undersigned deem it proper to make the following notice:

1. By the terms on which the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, all the concerns of the National Society in this State are conducted through the State Society, while all the expenditures of the State Society, out of the State of New-Hampshire, are expected to be made through the National Society. It is therefore requested that all the contributors to the object of Home Missions from individuals and churches in this State, whether designed to be expended in or out of the State, be made directly to the treasury of the State Society.

2. Should contributions be made for specific purposes, such as to constitute the donor a Member or Director for life of the American Home Missionary Society, or to be applied to the support of Missionaries in the Western and Southern States, the contributors are expected to make known their wishes to the Treasurer of the State Society, on paying over their donations, and the amount will be forwarded to the Parent Society, or retained in the State, as the donor shall direct.

3. All persons residing in this State, who may wish to make legacies or bequests, or donations of real estate, to the American Home Missionary Society, are desired to make them directly to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, directing them to pay the amount or the avails of the same to the Treasurer for the time being of the American Home Missionary Society in the city of New-York, for the purposes specified by the testators or donors.

ABSALOM PETERS, *Cor. Sec. of the A. H. M. S.*
JOHN H. CHURCH, *President of the N. H. M. S.*

The above agreement was formed in 1832, and is still in force.

MISSIONARY LABORS PERFORMED IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

This Society was formed in 1803. Its primary object was the promotion of christian knowledge by means of the distribution of religious books and tracts among the poor and needy of our land. Its constitution allowed of employing "pious Missionaries" to itinerate among the destitute, but it did not engage in missionary operations till 1811. The attention of the Society was called to the destitute towns of Rockingham and Strafford Counties in N. H., by a letter addressed to its Secretary in the latter part of 1811, by five members of the Piscataqua Association. The following were the reasons assigned in this letter why they applied to the Society for missionary labor: "Our Societies," say they, (i. e. the New-Hampshire and the Piscataqua Missionary Societies) "would succeed much better in collecting money for the support of Missionaries in newly settled parts of our country than in these old towns, but this circumstance would be but little noticed in Massachusetts. Besides, it is probable that Missionaries from Massachusetts would be better received than Missionaries employed by our Societies; therefore, we request that one or more Missionaries may be sent on to the ground above named, (Newington, Greenland, Stratham, New-Market and Durham,) as soon as possible, and if possible keep them on the ground till something effectual be done towards the re-settlement of regular, well instructed ministers.

One of the five clergymen subsequently wrote two more letters on the same subject to the Secretary of the Society. In his last letter of May, 1812, he says: "Send us, if you can, a Barnabas full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." The Directors of the Society were greatly in doubt as to the propriety of complying with this request. They say, "to send Missionaries into the oldest part of one of the oldest States in the Union,—into towns which had been incorporated from 150 to 180 years, in which till recently the Gospel had been preached, and this too without any direct application from the towns themselves, or any assurance that such interposition would be welcome, seemed to the Directors to be a measure of too

much hazard to be adopted without more light." They accordingly sent their President, the Rev. Eliphalet Pearson, D. D., in Dec. 1812, to explore the ground; who in Feb. 1813, reported that he found 45 towns in the two Counties of Rockingham and Strafford, containing a population of more than 40,000 souls, destitute of the stated means of grace." "Of these 45 towns," he says, "some have been destitute for 10, some 20, some 30, and some 40 years; and in some the Gospel ministry has never been established. In some towns a Christian church has never yet been formed; and in some where churches exist, the Lord's Supper has not for 10, 20, or 30 years, been administered. Most of these churches are much reduced in number; one from 60 to 2 members, several to but one male member, and in one town, containing 1063 souls, the visible Church of Christ after a stated ministry of 28 years, has been many years totally extinct."

In view of the facts reported by their President, the Directors felt constrained to commence Missionary operations in these Counties in 1813. They continued to employ Missionaries on the same ground for 7 or 8 years, who were instrumental of much good. The following is a list of Missionaries employed by the Massachusetts Society for promoting christian knowledge, in Rockingham and Strafford Counties, from 1813 to 1819: Rev. Messrs. Ephraim Abbot, Thomas Holt, Isaac James, Chester Colton, Federal Burt, Timothy Flint, John Turner, Timothy Hilliard, Caleb Knight, Harvey Wilbur, Luther Wright, Stephen Bailey, Hosea Hildreth, Jonathan Homer, William Greenough, Isaac Tompkins, and Noah Cressey; in all 17 Missionaries, who labored not far from 300 weeks, or about 6 years in the aggregate. The following is the list of the towns in which they labored, and their condition in 1813:

Brentwood,	Church of 12 members, 2 years destitute.
Durham,	Church of 9 members, 5 years destitute; no com. for 5 years.
East Kingston,	Church of 7 members, only 1 male; 40 years destitute.
Greenland,	Church of 12 members, only 3 males; 4½ years destitute.
Hawke,	Church of 6 females, 30 years destitute.
Kingston,	Church of 19 members, only 1 male.
Newington,	Church of 9 members, only 3 males; 21 years destitute.
Raymond,	Church of 43 mem., 5 years destitute.
Sandown,	Ch. formerly of 60 mem., now of 15; only 5 males, 12 years des.
South Hampton,	Ch. formerly of 62 mem., now of only 2 females; 12 years des.
Allenstown,	No church.
Poplin,	No church.
Tuftonboro,	Church of 8 members, 3 males.
New-Market,	No church.
Alton,	Church of 30 members.
New-Durham,	Church extinct, once of 40 members; destitute 30 years.
Meredith,	No church, either at the Bridge or Village; old church extinct.
Centre-Harbor,	No church.
Wolfboro',	No church, old church extinct; destitute 8 years.
Gilford,	No church.
Northfield,	No church.
Nottingham,	No church, old church extinct; destitute many years.
Stratham,	Not reported.
Somersworth,	Not reported.
Newtown,	Church of 9 members, only 3 males; 21 years destitute.
Middleton,	No church.

The above 26 towns contained at that time 12 churches, numbering 173 members, with only about 40 males. Seven of these churches have since become extinct. In all these towns it is known that 12 churches have become extinct since their first settlement. These towns now (1851,) contain 19 churches, with more than 1300 members. Seven of the Missionaries of the Society became pastors of churches, viz: Brentwood, Durham, Greenland, and Raymond,—the other three not specified.

In the address of the Society for 1818, it was stated that only one Missionary had been employed in New-Hampshire.

After this time the Society continued to make appropriations to several feeble

churches in Strafford and Rockingham Counties down to 1832, when its missionary operations in New-Hampshire were entirely suspended. The whole amount expended in N. H. by this Society is not far from $6,496.54. The churches that enjoyed the benefactions of this Society, expressed their obligations by contributing to its funds more or less every year from 1813 to 1829. The whole amount of their contributions is, so far as has been ascertained, $485.55. In addition to this, the Piscataqua Missionary Society made appropriations to it every year down to 1829; but the exact amount cannot be ascertained.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PISCATAQUA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Society was organized in Portsmouth, in 1804. Its first President was Hon. David Sewall, of York, Maine, and its first Secretary Rev. Joseph Buckminster, of Portsmouth, N. H. Its Constitution admits of appropriations to various purposes by which the interests of religion may be promoted.

At the commencement of this century there were many churches in the easterly part of New-Hampshire, and in the southerly part of Maine, in a state of disorganization and decay. Though greatly needing relief, so much prejudice and denominational jealousy existed in the community, that it was difficult to find a door of entrance to labor for their benefit. It was not then as now, when domestic missionary aid is earnestly desired by feeble churches, and in some cases to an amount greater than can be granted. The very idea of being considered as in any sense on missionary ground, and of receiving Missionaries from their neighbors, was very repulsive. There was then no "Macedonian cry" from these feeble churches.

The Piscataqua Missionary Society therefore began its work by sending a few itinerating Missionaries into some new settlements in New-Hampshire and the borders of Canada, to preach, administer the ordinances, and distribute religious books and tracts.

The Massachusetts Society for promoting Christian Knowledge was formed in Boston, in 1803, and incorporated in 1807. In the year 1811, and subsequently, the Massachusetts Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, employed "Missionaries in the northern parts of New-York, in the three western Counties of Rhode Island, in various parts of the District of Maine, in the two oldest Counties of New-Hampshire, and in some towns in Massachusetts proper."

To some of these efforts the Massachusetts Society for promoting Christian Knowledge were invited and urged, for peculiar reasons, by several ministers who had been active in forming the Piscataqua Missionary Society. In their communications they said, after mentioning several destitute Societies in the vicinity of Portsmouth, "but a small portion of the people are disposed to raise money to support pious, regular, well instructed preachers. But notwithstanding all this, it is our opinion, that if one or more able, zealous, prudent, and evangelical Missionaries were sent on to the ground, and kept there *independently of the people*, there might, by the blessing of God, be several Congregational Societies gathered from the ruins." They said also, "perhaps the question will arise, 'why do not *our* Missionary Societies furnish these towns with Missionaries?' In reply, we observe, our Societies would succeed much better in collecting money for the support of Missionaries in newly settled parts of our country than in these old towns; but this circumstance would be but little noticed in Massachusetts. Besides, it is probable that Missionaries from Massachusetts would be better received than Missionaries employed by our Societies."

After due investigation the experiment was made, and the result fully justified the opinion which had been expressed.

The fields of the Piscataqua Missionary Society's operations have been chiefly in places in the vicinity of the Piscataqua river. The funds of this Society, which are small, have been applied in emergencies to strengthen the things which seemed ready to die; and in cases where it did not consist with the plans of the State Societies, and the extent of their fields, to furnish all the relief that was needed, or whose circumstances rendered it inexpedient to apply for mere temporary help to the larger Societies. By promptly contributing small sums on some special occasions, Societies have been relieved from disheartening perplexities, and encouraged to seek for more permanent help elsewhere, which, though greatly needed, they would not have sought, had they not been thus encouraged. On one occa-

sion, a moderate appropriation assisted to remove an embarrassment on a parsonage, and prepared the way for its being placed under the trust of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The funds of the Piscataqua Missionary Society were commenced with contributions in the churches of the Piscataqua Association, donations from individuals, and the annual taxes of members. Annual contributions in the churches were not contemplated, but collections were expected to be taken at the annual meetings of the Society, which are now attended in connection with the annual meeting of the Piscataqua Association.

There being so many other and larger channels of Christian benevolence, very little effort has been made to increase the funds or members of the Piscataqua Missionary Society, of which there are now very few members, except of the Piscataqua Association, with whom it originated. Most or all of its members are also members of the New-Hampshire or Maine Missionary Societies.

The funds of the Piscataqua Missionary Society have never been large, but have been managed with great care and gratuitous kindness by its successive Treasurers. In 1805 the permanent fund of the Society was $309.47. At the annual meeting April 15, 1851, the permanent fund, as reported by the Treasurer, D. Knight, Esq. was $3.600. The Society has seldom been able to appropriate more than $200 in any one year, and this has been distributed in several places. It has not aided any one Society many years in succession. I have not at my command, at present, an account of the earliest expenditures of the Society. From 1811 to 1829, inclusive, from $100 to $200 annually were passed to the Massachusetts Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, for the purposes which have been mentioned. Temporary assistance has been rendered, directly or indirectly, in the course of this Society's operations, to Brentwood, Durham, Epping, Hampton-Falls, Isle of Shoals, Kensington, Kingston, East Kingston, Kittery Point, Lamprey River, Newington, Nottingham, New-Castle, Poplin, Raymond, Rye, Rochester, Seabrook, Stratham, South New-Market, Salmon Falls, and York, 2d Parish. Some other places, not now recollected by the writer of this sketch, may have received like assistance.

The Piscataqua Missionary Society have no large results to report. The drops of this little rivulet have been for nearly half a century mingling themselves, almost imperceptibly, with larger streams; but there have been instances in which their small supplies have preserved and refreshed, here and there, a languishing and almost dying church, till greater assistance could be obtained from the larger Societies.

The above sketch is communicated by the Rev. Jonathan French, of North-Hampton.

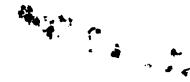
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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Pittsfield, Aug. 26, 1852. The President and Vice President being absent, the chair was taken by the Rev. JONATHAN FRENCH, D. D., of North-Hampton. Prayer was offered by the Rev. H. M. DEXTER, of Boston, Mass.

Extracts from the Annual Report were read by the Secretary. On motion of Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, of Concord, the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed. The Society was then addressed, in an interesting manner, by the Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, of Portsmouth. Mr. Jewett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the past and present developments of God's Providence to this nation give us reason to hope that he designs to save our nation, and that the salvation of our nation is introductory to, and closely connected with, the salvation of the world.

A communication from the Rev. ABRAHAM BURNHAM, D. D., President of the Society, was read to the meeting, in which he declined to be considered a candidate any longer for office in the Society; whereupon a Committee was appointed to reply to said communication. The committee reported the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

"Whereas the Rev. ABRAHAM BURNHAM, President of the N. H. Missionary Society, has signified his desire, on account of feeble health and the infirmities of age, not to be considered any more a candidate for office in the Society:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with the Rev. Dr. BURNHAM in his present state of health; and while we accept his resignation of office, we present him our cordial thanks for his long continued, acceptable, and useful services, first as Secretary, and afterwards as President of the Society, and that we commend him in our prayers to the blessing and presence of the Great Head of the Church, with the hope that he may yet long be spared to promote the missionary cause by his influence and prayers, and in the end receive a rich reward for his abundant labors."

The following Board of Officers, for the ensuing year, was then chosen:

Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, *President.*
Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, Dart. College, *Vice President.*
Rev. BENJAMIN P. STONE, Concord, *Secretary.*
SAMUEL FARRINGTON, Concord, *Treasurer.*
ARTHUR FLETCHER, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*
Rev. JOHN K. YOUNG, Meredith Bridge,
Rev. SERENO T. ABBOTT, Seabrook,
Rev. TIMOTHY BRAINARD, Londonderry, } *Trustees.*

Trustees elected in 1851.

Rev. C. W. WALLACE, Manchester.
Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, Concord.
Rev. JOHN RICHARDS, D. D., Hanover.

Trustees elected in 1850.

Rev. JACOB CUMMINGS, Hillsborough Bridge.
Rev. ASA P. TENNEY, Concord,
Rev. A. W. BURNHAM, Rindge.

NOTE. The Rev. Mr. RICHARDS, of Hanover, was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Mr. BOUTON as President.

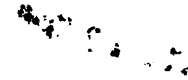
Adjourned, *sine die*,

BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

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THE Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society would invite the members and patrons of the Society, on this their fifty-first anniversary, to unite with them in returning thanks to the God of Missions that he again permits us to make mention of his goodness towards us and the cause, through another year. Though his special grace may not have corresponded with our hopes and desires, yet we have occasion to bless him that it has been greater than our merits, and that his judgments have been less. In presenting an abstract from our Annual Report, the same order will be observed as in former years.

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17. GROTON, Rev. Liba Conant, *s. s.* March 1, 1852.	6	62 50	17	18	35			1			75		
18. HAVERHILL NORTH, Rev. Samuel Delano, *s. s.* May 16, 1851.	12	100	6	11	17						25	4 00	5 25
19. HEBRON, Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.* March 1, 1852.	6	62 50	4	20	42						100		
20. HOOKSETT, Rev. J. W. Tarlton, *P.* June 1, 1852.	12	150	11	28	39	8	8	2			60		
21. HUDSON, Reuben Page, *P.* April 17, 1852.	12	125			72		4		4	7		19 30	32 82
22. HILL, Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.* May 25, 1852.	12	100	8	25	33	2	1		2		54	6 50	11 64
23. JEFFERSON MILLS, M. O. Dickinson, *M.* April 23, 1852. M. E. Teele, *M.* Aug. 6, 1852.											72		
24. LANGDON, Rev. N. Barber, *s. s.* March 10, 1852. Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.* May 16, 1852.	12	125	14	24	38						90	12 00	
25. LEE, Mr. Alonzo H. Quint, *M.* April 23, 1852.	1½	42											
26. LITCHFIELD,		150 00	6	14	20								
27. LOUDON VILLAGE, Rev. T. N. Jones, *s. s.* April 1, 1852.	12	100	14	16	30						65	10 00	10 00
28. MANCHESTER CITY, Rev. T. P. Sawin, *s. s.* April 1, 1852.	12	150											
29. MASON, Rev. J. L. Arms, *s. s.* March 1, 1852.	12	100			134			5		4	80	10 00	33 36
30. MEREDITH VILLAGE, Rev. J. Leach, *P.* Nov. 28, 1851.	12	100	27	50	77			2	1		80	37 00	
31. MERRIMACK SOUTH, Rev. S. H. Tolman, *s. s.* April 1, 1852.	12	50	10	23	33			2	1	2	35		6 00

REMARKS.

17. "Both our principles and usages," says the report, "are obviously gaining strength in this my field of labor." One hundred volumes in sabbath school library.

18. Mr. Delano has removed from the State; the church is now destitute.

19. Congregations on the sabbath larger than usual. One hundred and fifty volumes in sabbath school library.

20. "Our growth and progress are small," says the pastor; "multitudes remain beyond the reach of the gospel. Some things are hopeful, yet much is discouraging."

21. Mr. Page has just been dismissed at his own request. During the ten years of Mr. P.'s ministry here, forty-two were added to the church; viz., twenty-four by letter, and eighteen by profession.

22. Some improvement in the moral and religious aspect of the place.

23. No church here. See extracts from the missionary's return, in the body of this report.

24. This church has changed ministers. Things encouraging.

25. There is no church in this place. Considerable interest was manifested in preaching, and there were hopes that something effectual might be accomplished.

26. No report. We know not the prospects of this church. The appropriation was made by order of Londonderry Presbytery.

27. The congregation on the sabbath has increased within a few months. "A pleasing degree of harmony prevails in church and society." Statistics of the church taken from the minutes of the General Association.

28. The congregation in the chapel is well sustained. The sabbath school is attended with interest.

29. This is the largest church on our list. Things are in prosperous condition, though the progress is slow.

30. The congregations on the Sabbath are well sustained. The state of public morals is not what it ought to be; intemperance and sabbath-breaking seem to be on the increase.

31. No essential change; various religious publications are taken.

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32. MOULTONBOROUGH, - - - Rev. J. B. Cook, *P.* Oct. 14, 1851.	12	100	31	47	78				5	5	50	6 00	8 14
33. NEW-CASTLE, - - - - - Rev. L. Alden, *s. s.* April 1, 1852.	12	100	7	20	27	2					190		8 25
34. NEWMARKET, - - - - - Rev. E. C. Coggswell, *s. s.* July 1, 1852.	12	150	13	31	44				1		75		
35. NOTTINGHAM, - - - - - Rev. G. Gates, *s. s.* Oct. 13, 1850.	12	100	2	8	10								
36. OSSIPEE CORNER, - - - Rev. H. Wood, *M.* June 1, 1852.	1½	42									55	5 00	10 00
37. PAPERMILL VILLAGE, - - - Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.* April 23, 1851.	12	150 00	10	20	30				3	4	100	15 19	12 09
38. PLAINFIELD, - - - - - Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.* Oct. 3, 1851.	12	100	5	22	27		1		1	2	30	13 10	17 00
39. ROXBURY, - - - - - - Rev. Bezeleel Smith, *s. s.* July 1, 1851.	12	100	10	22	32		1				30	4 00	28 00
40. SANDOWN. - - - - - -	12			3	3								
41. SOUTH NEWMARKET, - - - Rev. C. E. Lord, *s. s.* March 28, 1851. Rev. Winthrop Fifield, *s. s.* Feb. 15, 1852.	12	125	11	14	25	2	1				60	13 73	
42. SALEM, - - - - - - Rev. John Lawrence, *s. s.* Nov. 1, 1851.	12	125	20	39	59	5	3	10	5		100		4 00
43. SPRINGFIELD, - - - - - H. Allen, *M.*													
44. SURRY, - - - - - - Mr. O. Farnsworth, *M.* April 23, 1852.	1¼	35	2	13	15						50		
45. THORNTON, - - - - - - Rev. J. Hobart, *s. s.* March, 1851.	12	25	10	11	21								
46. TUFTONBORO', - - - - - Rev. Stephen Merrill, *s. s.* April 13, 1852.	3	31 50	10	17	27				2			4 00	
47. WAKEFIELD, - - - Rev. N. Barker, *s. s.* July 24, 1851.	12	100	13	30	43	1					65	23 00	16 00

REMARKS.

32. A new house of worship completed. No material change in the church and the general aspect of things, except by deaths and removals.

33. The children both of the officers and soldiers of Fort Constitution belong to the sabbath school. Three hundred volumes in sabbath school library. Many religious publications are taken. General state of things encouraging.

34. "The external prosperity of this church was, perhaps, never so encouraging as at present. The society recently voted that they would ask less aid of the N. H. Missionary Society, by $50, the ensuing year."

35. Mr. Gates left at the close of his mission. Provision has been made for a few sabbath's preaching for the year to come.

36. No church here. Some six or eight members of other churches reside here. Congregation ranges from seventy-five to one hundred. Sabbath school library contains two hundred volumes. An important missionary field.

37. Mr. Jennison left at the close of his commission. The church is again supplied—"the ways of Zion mourn," but we hope the days of her rejoicing are at hand.

38. There are seven non-resident members of the church. Mr. S. has labored here about ten years, during which time seventeen have been added to the church, eight of whom by profession.

39. Mr. Smith has removed to New-Alstead; the church has been supplied by different ministers.

40. This place was visited in the fall by the Secretary. He preached to a small congregation, but found the prospect by no means encouraging. The church is reduced to three females. It once had sixty members; its last pastor was dismissed in 1800. By the help of an old parsonage fund the few congregational people have three or four sabbath's preaching in a year.

41. The state of things is reported to be more encouraging than for several years.

42. Repairs on the parsonage have been made; about 260 copies of religious publications taken; the state of things never more encouraging.

43. Mr. Allen, missionary to Enfield, visited this place and preached one Sabbath but reports but little encouragement; there is no church here, though a very few congregational people.

44. The people were much interested in Mr. F. The prospects of the little church are dark.

45. As Mr. H. has not been in commission since March, he has made no report.

46. Five non-resident members.

47. Nothing important reported except one hopeful conversion; Mr. B. labors one fourth of the time at Union Village.

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48. WARNER, Rev. A. Wood, *s. s.* Feb. 5, 1851.	12	100	26	57	83	2	2	3	1	5		1 00	
49. WILMOT, Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.* June 1, 1851.	6	50	14	18	32		4	1			75		
50. WASHINGTON, Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.* July 1, 1852.	12	100	7	28	35		1				80	14 00	12 00
51. WOLFBORO', Rev. Nelson Barber, *P.* April 4, 1852.	12	100	13	29	42		1				100		
52. WOLFBORO' NORTH, Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s*, April 13, 1852.	6	113	21	37	58		1	4	1				

REMARKS.

48. Non-residents, thirty-one. Mr. W. has left—the church again supplied.

49. Mr. K. now labors with the people all the time. There are two places of worship—congregations some increased, and the general aspect of things more encouraging.

50. Non-residents, eleven. This people are making some advance. The Academy is flourishing, and more respect is shown to the cause of truth.

51. Mr. Barber has been recently installed pastor under favorable auspices. There are fifteen non-resident members of the church.

52. Twenty-two non-residents.

SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES.

The whole number of missionaries who have been in commission, a part or whole of the year, is 45. Of this number 11 were pastors, 26 stated supplies, and 8 were employed on short missions, from 3 to 7 weeks each. Three have been settled as pastors, and two have been dismissed. Six stated supplies have changed their fields of labor. During the year, six have been employed under new commissions, and ten commissions have expired without being renewed. Four missionaries have administered to two congregations each, two to three congregations each, in different towns, and thirty-nine to one congregation each.

CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

The whole number of congregations and churches that have enjoyed the benefactions of the Society during the year is fifty-two. Six of these congregations contain no Congregational church, viz: Jefferson Mills, Lee, Ossipee Corner, Springfield, Sandown, and the congregation in the missionary chapel at Manchester.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES AIDED.

The whole number added to the church, aided during the year, is ninety-five. Of this number forty were added by profession, and forty-five by letter. The whole number of removals is sixty-six, viz: thirty-one by death, thirty-three by emigration to other parts, and two by excommunication. Net gain, twenty-nine. The whole number of communicants, connected with forty-six churches, is 1983, including 143 non-resident members, as reported belonging to ten churches.

Of the forty-six churches aided, twenty-seven contribute $403,97 to the cause of Home Missions, and twenty-three contribute $442,67 to other objects; in all, $846,64, and nineteen churches contributed nothing.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools, generally, are represented to be in a prosperous condition. Many of our congregations contain a large proportion of children and youth—the hope of the church and one of the greatest encouragements we have in our enterprise. The whole number connected with these schools, including teachers and bible classes, is 2816.

STATE OF MORALS AND RELIGION.

Again we are not permitted to report many instances of refreshings from the presence of the Lord, but He has not wholly forsaken the field of our labors. During the year there have been seasons of more or less religious interest enjoyed in three or four congregations, which resulted in thirty-six hopeful conversions. Our harps should not be hung upon the willows, for God is still our God, waiting only for our prayers and our fidelity, to be gracious.

SHORT MISSIONS.

Four young men, members of the senior class in the Theological Seminary at Andover, were commissioned to spend their Spring vacation in our service, viz: Messrs. Henry Allen, Obed Dickinson, W. A. Farnsworth, and Alonzo H. Quint. Mr. Allen labored in Enfield and Springfield. In the latter place he spent only one Sabbath, and in the former five Sabbaths. In Enfield he was cordially received and much interest was awakened on the part of that portion of the people that prefer congregational preaching. In Springfield there are a few families that are Congregationalists in their sympathies, eight or ten, perhaps. The most of the people are Universalists and Christians. A minister of the Christian order has been employed one half of the time for a year. There have been two ministers settled in this town under the patronage of the Society. The last was dismissed in 1836. The church at that time contained only ten members, which has since dwindled away to only two or three. It has been considered extinct for the last fifteen years. The meeting-house has been recently remodeled, and is owned and occupied by different denominations. At present, the prospect of building up a church and society of our denomination, is, in the opinion of our missionary, not very flattering.

Mr. Dickinson labored four weeks in Dalton and three at Jefferson Mills. We make the following extracts from his interesting report: "I reached," he says, "the field of my labors, April 29th, and preached at Dalton, the next Sabbath, to a congregation of about one hundred and twenty-five, and the last Sabbath I should think there were as many as one hundred and fifty. I think the spirit of God was present to apply the truths to the heart. Although there was no general attention to the subject of religion among the impenitent, I have reason to know by personal conversation with one or two individuals that they were earnestly inquiring the way of life. This was also the case with several persons at Jefferson Mills. At both of these places the people seemed *hungry* for the preached gospel. When I came away they were willing to give to the extent of their ability, and I hesitate not to say more than this. They were not only willing to give for the support of the gospel to the extent of their ability, but they seemed willing to rob themselves of the comforts of life if they could thereby obtain the bread that cometh down from heaven. Several persons who made no pretensions to religion and who are poor, having little except their daily earnings, were wil-

ling to give $10 per year if they could have the gospel preached by a good and efficient minister of Christ. This, however they would not do for every minister who should be sent among them. They want as good a minister at these places as they want any where. There are as intelligent people here as there are in any part of New-England. In connection with the society at Dalton there are no less than ten or twelve persons who are engaged as teachers during part of each year, and some of them understand, to a good degree three or four different languages."

"We ought to be grateful to God," continues the missionary, "for raising up the devoted, self-denying men who have been so long toiling in these destitute places to sustain the ordinances of God's house. With the help which your noble society has afforded them, from year to year, they have been able to sustain preaching nearly one half of the time. The result of these efforts is evident to all. These fathers have worked hard—God has blessed them. Their children are mostly members of their little church. And it seems to me that when those good men shall stand on the heights of eternity, when they look back and see all that has been accomplished while they went forth weeping and sowed the precious seed; when the benefactors of the home missionary society shall also stand on the same ground and see the stream of their benevolence coming and joining in and watering the field which these brethren have been so long endeavoring to till—when they all together shall see the precious fruits which have grown there—when they shall see all the good which shall flow from these fountains opened among the hills of Coös County—will they not rejoice that they worked so hard? Will not the supporters of the society rejoice that they gave their aid to encourage them in their work?"

"The state of society at Jefferson Mills is peculiar. The Freewill Baptist church, once existing here has become extinct. Four years ago the state of society was very bad. Intemperance, sabbath-breaking and profanity were the order of the day on each successive Sabbath. A dear brother went into the place, and by banishing himself from the house where the gospel was preached, he has been able to collect the people and the children into the sabbath-school. The children being first inclined to come in, afterwards the parents. After this had proved successful, they ventured to add another measure. They commenced holding reading meetings on the sabbath; for nearly three years, Payson, Baxter, and Doddridge have been preaching to this people. It seemed to me from the deep solemnity which rested on the countenances of the people, that the Holy Spirit was indeed present. The largest part of the people at Jefferson are poor, but they number far more than any congregations at the west, where the American Home Missionary Society sustains a minister to preach half of the time."

Mr. Farnsworth was sent to Surry. In his report he says, "I received an appointment as a missionary of the N. H. branch of the American Home Missionary Society, and immediately went to Surry

as directed. I found the people in just the state described in your letter. I labored there five sabbaths; we organized a sabbath-school of about fifty scholars; the attendance on preaching was very good. The audience varied from sixty to one hundred and thirty. What will be done for the people is doubtful. The field may be cultivated to advantage. I should advise that the Methodists take the field; if they do not, let the Orthodox take the ground, buy the meeting-house and go to work with energy. The good of souls requires that something be done."

The field assigned to Mr. Quint was Lee, where we employed a missionary last year about five months. The following extracts from Mr. Quint's report will give probably a pretty correct idea of the state of things on this field: "I found," said he, "as you said, several great obstacles to the progress of truth. The great jealousy between professed christians of different sects is not the least. My little congregation has at different times embraced Orthodox, Unitarians, Universalists, General (calvanist) Baptists, Christians, Free-will Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Quakers, Millerites, and Come-outers. Yet nearly all the evangelical parties received and have sustained me with cordiality. The condition of this people shows in an eminent degree the want of the stable element in our forms of belief. On the sabbath my audience will number from one hundred to one hundred and fifty. The sabbath school was almost immediately organized. In looking over the number of those who are professing christians I estimate that there perhaps are thirty who attend my ministrations of the word; I do not think it advisable to attempt the gathering of a church for some time yet. I have made over fifty visits in thirty-nine families. Many of the people express a desire to sustain meetings until cold weather, which I think should be the limit at present; and they have raised something by subscription which will exceed, I believe, the amount last year. I cannot but believe that the people are gaining in love for our form of belief, and for a settled ministry."

SERVICES OF THE SECRETARY AND GENERAL AGENT.

From reasons which will be readily appreciated, our reports in past years have not been very explicit in detailing the labors of your Secretary and General Agent. But a more particular account of his services, occasionally rendered, seems due to the public, that his relation to the various interests of the cause may be fully understood.

In conducting the correspondence of the Society, preparing the annual reports and circulars, attending the meetings of the Trustees and their Executive Committee, the distribution of the Annual Reports, both of the State and National Societies, and in conferring with numerous individuals who have called upon him on matters relating to the missionary cause, he has had his time and attention occupied more or less every day during the year. In the single matter of correspondence, scarcely a day has passed when he has not had occasion, when at home, to employ his pen. The whole number of letters,

including commissions and circulars on which the postage was prepaid, which he has prepared and sent out is four hundred and ninety-eight. The number of letters received during the same time is about four hundred, the most of which are on file.

In the prosecution of his duties as the General Agent of the New-Hampshire and of the American Home Missionary Societies, he has attended four county conferences, five ecclesiastical councils, and preached one hundred and eight sermons, in fifty-three different congregations; thirty-six of which he addressed on the subject of Home Missions. He has spent twenty of his sabbaths on missionary ground, improving the opportunity, when occasion called, in endeavors to promote the missionary spirit; but more especially to acquire a more accurate acquaintance with the field, and to promote the good of the feeble churches. During the year he has devoted more time and attention to this department of the missionary work, than he has been accustomed to in former years. The matter of preaching on Home Missions, with special reference to collections for the cause, has been left, to a great extent, to the pastors and ministers of the churches, though not without more or less correspondence on the subject. In the prosecution of these various labors, as well as others which might be mentioned, relating to legacies, and other financial matters, he has traveled, about one half at his own expense, four thousand five hundred and forty-seven miles.

THE TREASURY.

The balance on hand at the close of last year's account was $2,693,01. The receipts of the year have been $6,157,65, making the available resources of the Society $8,850,66. Of the receipts, $726,10 were directed by the donors to the American Home Missionary society, leaving $5,431,55 for the use of the cause in New-Hampshire. Of this sum, the Trustees and their Committee have appropriated to the American Home Missionary Society $1,500, making $2,226,10 paid out of our treasury for general purposes of the cause, beyond our limits. The amount sent directly to New-York from this State is $1,738,85, of which $1,250 were legacies; making $3,964,95 contributed in New-Hampshire for the West; and $7,896,50 the whole amount received in the State for the cause of Home Missions during the year. The legacies received, both for the auxiliary and the parent society were $2,274,57, and the donations $5,621,93, being $42,61 more than last year, while the receipts from legacies have been $1,144,58 less than they were the preceding year.

The disbursements of the society during the year have been $7,250,79, leaving a balance on hand at the close of the account, the 15th of August, of $1,599,87.

The portion of the receipts of the society contributed by the Cent Institution is $1,728,01, which is $217,34 in advance of last year.

The whole number of churches in the State is one hundred and ninety-one. From one hundred and eight churches collections have

been received during the year, leaving eighty-three from which no collections have been received. It should be stated, however, that the ladies connected with sixteen of these churches have not forgotten to aid the cause by their cent societies, and also that three of them have made contributions directly to the American Home Missionary Society, leaving sixty-four churches that have done nothing for the cause. The eighty-three churches that have paid no collections into our treasury are distributed in the several counties as follows: Rockingham, 16; Strafford, 4; Belknap, 4; Carrol, 9; Merrimack, 9; Hillsboro', 16; Cheshire, 4; Sullivan, 3; Grafton, 12; Coös, 6. Deducting forty churches which have not been accustomed to contribute in years past, we have forty-three churches from whom we had a right to expect contributions in some form. Had they participated in aiding the cause in the same proportion with the one hundred and eight churches that have contributed, our receipts would have been increased nearly two thousand dollars; which would have furnished the means of sending *twenty* more missionaries into the needy and famishing fields of our land. The most of these churches are supplied with ministers upon whom we have relied with confidence that they would give their people the opportunity and the privilege to help on the glorious work. We hope they will not forget to minister to the "necessities of the saints," hereafter.*

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We are informed by the twenty-sixth report of the American Home Missionary Society that the society employed during the year 1,065 ministers of the gospel whose labors were distributed among 1,948 congregations and missionary districts, in twenty-eight different States and Territories of the Union. In the aggregate they labored 862 years. Of these missionaries, nine preached the gospel to colored people, and sixty have preached in foreign languages to Welsh, Germans, Norwégians, Swedes, Swiss, Hollanders and Frenchmen. There were connected with the missionary congregations not far from 66,500 sabbath school scholars. Sixty-one missionaries report revivals of religion which resulted in the hopeful conversion of 2,643 souls. There were received into the churches 3,810 on profession, and 3,010 by letter. Sixty-five houses of worship were completed, fifty-five others repaired, and sixty others commenced. More than ninety young men, in connection with the missionary churches are in preparation for the gospel ministry. The receipts were $160,062,39. The progress of the cause is seen from the fact that

* Whatever may be the reasons why so many churches in New-Hampshire have not remembered the cause of home missions, in their contributions, it is evident that the same reasons, or others no better, have caused the like neglect of it in several of our neighboring States. According to the last reports of the Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut missionary societies we learn that not far from four hundred and eighty, out of about one thousand one hundred and forty churches in these States contributed nothing to this cause! Are the New-England churches, then, all doing their duty to plant the institutions of their fathers in this broad land?

one hundred and twenty-eight more congregations were blessed with the preaching of the gospel, one hundred and twenty-four more were added to the churches, and $9,112 more were contributed than the previous year. The conclusion of the report says, "the yearly summing up of these results of home missionary labor revives the courage of the christian heart. It confirms our faith in the adaptation and adequacy of the gospel as the means of national regeneration. The patrons and conductors of the society, and their co-laborers in the field, may go forth afresh to the duties of another year, exulting in the belief of that coming hour, when the tribes of the people gathering upon our shores, shall say one to another, "Come and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

A TRUE STATE OF THE UNOCCUPIED FIELD.

In our former reports we have often alluded to that portion of the missionary field of New-Hampshire where there are either no ministers or churches of our order, or where there are destitute churches of the more feeble class. We have always aimed to draw a true picture, avoiding all exaggerations that might convey erroneous impressions; and yet it has been next to impossible to give the uninformed and inexperienced a true idea of the condition of what we call our waste places, and of the extent of our obligations towards them. We may get some correct general impressions from reading or hearing the descriptions of a country, a city, or a town, which we never saw, but we need to see it with our own eyes, and to make our own observations in order to understand the details of its physical and moral character, and so be prepared, from the impulse of true knowledge, for any action our relations to it may demand.

We propose, on the present occasion, to take a review of our unoccupied missionary field. We call it *our* missionary field, by which we mean that it is, for the most part, dependent upon the society for the instrumentalities of the gospel. The question is not now whether it ever will fully enjoy them at our instance, or whether its claims upon our attention are paramount to all others. We only speak of its necessity and dependance which make it a part of our field of operations.

That we may get some clear and definite ideas of that portion of New-Hampshire which includes our unoccupied Home Missionary field, we will consider it under the following heads:

1. Those towns in which a Congregational or Presbyterian church was never formed. They are as follows: *Poplin, *Lee, *Madbury, *Middleton, *Strafford, *Gilford, *Albany, *Brookfield, Chatham, *Eaton, Freedom, Allenstown, *Newbury, *New-London, *Sutton, *Windsor, *Richmond, *Grantham, Benton, *Ellsworth, Grafton, Holderness, *Landaff, *Lisbon, *Lincoln, *Rumney, *Warren, Waterville, *Woodstock, and seventeen towns in Coös County, containing from two to seven hundred and sixty-two inhabitants each; in all, forty-six towns, which contain a population of 30,338. The

* Occupied by other demominations.

seventeen towns in Coös County contain a population of only 4,974, leaving 25,364 for the twenty-nine towns in the rest of the State. In all these towns, with very few exceptions, the missionaries of this society have at different periods labored, more or less. But we ought in justice to deduct at least twenty-one towns, which contain churches of other denominations, who have a right, in courtesy, to consider the ground their own, to the exclusion of our missions. These towns contain a population of 19,533. We have then left twenty-six towns, including those in Coös County, which contain a population of 11,805, or, not including the towns in Coös, we have nine towns containing a population of 6,225, as falling more appropriately within the bounds of our field. These nine towns are, Lee, Madbury, Chatham, Freedom, Allenstown, Benton, Grafton, Holderness, and Waterville. The only towns above named without churches of other denominations are, so far as we know, Madbury, Chatham, and Freedom. In the remaining six towns there are eight churches of other denominations, the most of which are supplied with ministers. Among the seventeen towns in Coös County in which no Congregational church was ever formed, there are four of the largest class in which there are six ministers of other denominations who probably administer to churches in their several fields.

2. Towns in which Congregational churches have been formed but in which none now exist. These towns are *Newton, *Danville, *East-Kingston, *Gosport, *Kensington, *Sandown, South-Hampton, *New-Durham, *Bow, *Weare, *Marlow, *New-Hampton, *Alexandria, Lyman, *Orange, Pittsburgh, (or Indian Stream,) and Stark, formerly Piercy; in all, seventeen towns, containing a population of 14,540. There are twenty-six ministers of other denominations laboring in these towns. Only three, viz., Lyman, Stark, and Pittsburgh, are not known to contain churches of other denominations. In seven or eight of them there are a few congregational people, but not in sufficient numbers and ability to form churches and societies that could be sustained by any means at our command. The long established prejudices and habits of the great mass of the people in them largely preponderate in favor of other forms of religious faith, and though we have the conviction that their intelligence and spiritual condition would be much improved by adopting the purer and more stable religious institutions of our fathers, yet it is not in us to convince them of their necessities, and therefore we are left to turn our attention to more hopeful fields.

3. Towns in which churches have been organized either as new churches or to take the places of churches that had become extinct or nearly extinct.

Nottingham. A church was gathered in this town in 1840, which still exists. It is the third church that has been formed here; the two previous churches having been extinct many years.

* Occupied by other denominations.

South-Newmarket. The present church in this town was a reörganization of an old church which had become almost extinct. Its reörganization took place in 1840.

Tuftonboro'. The church now existing in this town was formed in 1840, two churches having previously become extinct.

Centre-Harbor. In 1838 a church was organized in this town consisting of members formerly connected for the most part with the church called the church in Meredith 3d division, and Centre-Harbor.

North-Wolfboro.' In 1839 a church was gathered at Dimon's Corner, in the north section of the town. The old Wolfboro' church has been extinct many years.

Chesterfield. The old church in this town having become very deficient in doctrine and practice, a new one was organized in 1841, with new articles and covenant.

Bennington. The church in this town was formed in 1838 or '39, consisting of members mostly from the church in Hancock.

Surry. In 1838 the evangelical church in this town was organized; the most of its members having seceded from the old Unitarian church.

Langdon. The church here was organized in 1839. Some years before, a church was formed consisting of members residing in Langdon, Paper-Mill Village in Alstead, and Drewsville in Walpole. The experiment not succeeding, it was disbanded previous to the formation of the present church.

Paper-Mill Village. This church was organized in 1841.

Andover. In this town two churches have disappeared; the last nearly twenty years ago. The present church was formed in 1841.

Stewartstown. A church in this town was gathered in 1846 or '47 mostly of members belonging to the church in Colebrook.

We have then a list of *twelve* churches that have been formed or reörganized within *fifteen* years. To this list we may add the church in Effingham, which was organized in 1836, making *thirteen* churches organized or revived within seventeen years, none of which are extinct, and all on "missionary ground."

4. Towns containing feeble churches which have not yet become extinct; though extremely small and feeble. These towns are the following:

Alton. Within a few weeks two members of the church in this town have taken letters of dismission. "Previous to that," says a neighboring minister, "they numbered eight instead of seven. When the members are satisfied that the church had better become extinct, they are ready to take letters to other churches, but they do not know as that day has yet arrived."

Shelburne. There are only six members in the church here. It never had more than ten. A missionary labored here half the time

for eight years, closing in 1846. Since that time the church has occasionally enjoyed missionary labor. It has been in the habit of holding meetings, on the sabbath, when without preaching.

Newington. The church in this town has seven members. In 1826, the Rev. I. W. Putnam, of Portsmouth, administered the Lord's supper to it, being then reduced to two aged females.

Bridgewater. The church in this town is reduced to twelve or fifteen members, but it has a deacon and retains its organization.

Canaan. With regard to the church here, it is true that it is in a disordered state and has been for many years, but that it is still a church is evident from the following testimony. One member informs us that there are twenty-five members in town, but doubts whether they are a church because they are not in a state to commune. Another member says, "It has never been disbanded, and I have always supposed it was a church until it was stated by —— —— that it had become extinct. I cannot give any reason why the church should be reörganized, except that the members are cold, backslidden, and some difficulties ought to be settled." Another intelligent member has furnished us the names of thirty-four members residing in town, besides two in Orange who attend worship in Canaan, and six non-resident members, making in all forty-two. Its last pastor was dismissed in 1844, who, with his wife and one daughter, are members of the church, all of whom, in case another church was formed, would probably lose their church relation. The church was supplied in 1846 by the Rev. H. Rood, who administered the communion once, and acted as moderator in the dismissal of members. In 1847 the congregation was supplied with preaching two or three months. In Sept., 1849, the Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. A. Foster. If it has become extinct since the last mentioned date, or if it has lost its organization by reason of schisms and want of discipline, its decline must have been uncommonly rapid.

Dorchester. On the third sabbath in June, your Secretary visited the church in this town, administered the communion, admitted four members, and baptized four children; it now has fourteen members. It is not, therefore, extinct, nor never has been.

Effingham. Our last missionary here closed his labors in January, 1851. He reported 35 members in the church, as may be seen in the report of the society for 1850.

Surry. A member of the Senior class at Andover Seminary was sent as a missionary to Surry, in the spring of the present year. The communion was administered to the church during his mission. He reported fifteen members of the church.

Sandwich, North. From the organization of this church, it enjoyed the ordinances of the gospel in connection with the church in the south part of the town, till 1849, when its last pastor was dismissed. It then contained twenty-two members, of whom eighteen are still connected with it, as we are informed by its late pastor, who

says, concerning the church, "I am happy to say that such an organization does still exist." A prominent member of the other church says, "I have heard nothing about that church becoming extinct."

Tuftonboro.' Our missionary laboring one fourth of his time here reports twenty-seven members of the church.

Whitefield. The church in this town has been destitute since 1848. At this time our missionary who had supplied it several years, one half of the time, reported twenty-six members. We are informed by one of its members that it now contains sixteen members, and that they consider themselves a living church. The ground is now occupied in part by another denomination.

Unity. Being uncertain in regard to the church in this town, we wrote to a neighboring minister to ascertain the facts, who informs us in reply; "The church is not extinct. * * How many members of that church still remain I am unable to say; I can now think of six or seven." He named six members, four females and two males, one of whom is deacon. We have since been informed that the number is nine. The existence of this church, therefore, is no more to be doubted than the existence of any church in the State.

Lempster. We had supposed that the second church in this town had become extinct, though we were not certain; but a letter from a member, of July 19, clearly establishes its existence. It says; "Yesterday we voted a letter to a brother in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin. If we are dead, other churches ought not to receive members by letter from us. Males 12, Females 15—27. We do not consider it dead." We have introduced this church, though not on missionary ground, because it has been proclaimed as one of the extinct churches.

We have, then, a list of thirteen churches yet living, that have been numbered with the dead. As near as can be ascertained these thirteen churches contain at least 217 members, which is about seventeen members to each on an average. All of these churches are, indeed, without "Bishops," and the most of them are deprived of the ordinary means of grace, but destitution does not of itself deprive them of their organization. If such logic were admissible, there is not a church in the State that is not liable to be *non* churched by a few months' destitution.

Many of these churches have become so small and feeble that we have spoken the truth when we pronounced them "nearly" extinct, or when to denote doubt in our own mind, we used the expression, "extinct or nearly." As a person may be near unto death and yet alive, so a church may be nearly extinct, and yet in being. While, therefore, they have life, they are the worthy objects of our sympathies, and of our administrations of christian benevolence and love.

With regard to the churches that have become extinct, it seems proper that we should make some remarks in this connection. We stated in our last report that during *fifty* years sixteen of the hundred and fourteen churches the Society had aided, had become extinct, or

nearly so, not including the church in New-Hampton which was broken up by many of its members uniting with the church in Bristol, nor the two churches of Manchester Center and Amoskeag, which were united in one church occupying the same ground. It now appears that three of the churches enumerated, viz., Alton, Dorchester and Newington, are not extinct, and yet there is no discrepancy in our present statements with the table in our last year's report, for against each of these churches a doubt is expressed by the phrase "extinct or nearly." We now have a list of thirteen churches that have become extinct on our field during the past *fifty-one* years. All but two of these churches became extinct prior to 1840, and all but six prior to 1837, while within the same periods, i. e., "within ten or twelve years," *seven* new churches have been formed or reörganized, and within fifteen years, twelve have been added to the number of our churches. Of these twelve, four were in towns in which churches had become extinct prior to 1837; four were reörganizations or revivals of churches, and four were in places where churches of our denomination never before existed. Our missionary field, therefore, has gained six churches over all its losses during the past fifteen years.*

* It is true that we cannot determine the "*punctum mortis*," when a church becomes extinct, but we can determine, in some cases at least, when churches are *not* extinct. The question whether a church *is* or *is not* can be settled by facts, without the aid of much learning, if we use the word "church" according to the *usus loquendi*, or manner of speaking and writing among Congregationalists. But when we come to the matter of gathering or reviving churches, the *punctum temporis*, the precise time can be shown.

We have for the most part confined our remarks in the text to our Missionary field, and we would not go beyond it, did not the cause of truth demand it. The impression has gone abroad to some extent that not only has the New-Hampshire Missionary Society failed to accomplish all that it might have done, but that the Congregational churches of the State have suffered greater loss than those of some other denominations have done within the past "ten or twelve years." To show that this impression is not a true one we will exhibit our loss and gain in the following tables:

Churches that have become extinct within 12 years, on Missionary ground.	Kensington, Orange, Wendell.
Alexandria, Sharon.	*Not on Missionary ground.*
Not on Missionary ground.	Manchester, Center, Amoskeag, Portsmouth, Pleasant St., Bath, West.
Contoocookville.	
Churches that have become extinct within 15 years.	
New-Hampton,	

Remarks. Alexandria became extinct in 1841, by the members taking letters from each other and all removing from town. The church in Contoocookville (Hopkinton) had only 5 or 6 members at its formation in 1839 or '40. Its formation was of doubtful propriety. The church at Manchester Center united with the Amoskeag church, whose place of worship is in the city of Manchester. By this union the old Presbyterian church at Manchester Center only became extinct. The facts concerning the New-Hampton church have already been stated. The Pleasant Street church in Portsmouth disbanded and returned to its former connection with the North church. The church in West Bath was a division of the church in Bath on account of building a new meeting-house in the village. They have since become one again. In the extinction then of all

5. We will next name the churches now destitute on our field which have the least prospect of enjoying the permanent preaching of the gospel. They are Newington, Effingham, Nottingham, Alton, Sandwich, North and South, Andover, Roxbury, Surry, Bridgewater, Dorchester, Enfield, Dalton, Shelburne, Whitefield and Stewartstown, in all fifteen churches. Could the suitable men be obtained, some five or six of these churches might be supplied as they have been, from one half to the whole of the time. The remainder, however great their necessities may be, can expect but little more than the occasional enjoyment of gospel ordinances.

6. A general consideration of the means necessary for the successful cultivation of our missionary field. God has appointed but one system of means for the conversion of men and the building up of his kingdom throughout the land, and it is comprehended in the public instructions of his word, and the influence of christian life. These are the elements of all moral power, not human, brought to bear upon the spiritual interests of society. The preaching of the gospel is the first and indispensable element of this power. Without its application, our missionary field must wear a more appalling aspect of spiritual decline and death. But while there is no ground of

these churches there was very little loss to the cause of Zion, because very little was gained by their organization; in three of them there was a positive gain.

A list of all the churches that have been formed within the State during the past ten years:

On Missionary ground.	*Not on Missionary ground.*
Centre-Harbor,	Mason Village,
Nottingham,	Nashua, Pearl Street,
Tuftonboro',	New-Ipswich, 2d church,
North-Wolfboro',	Concord, East,
Andover,	Fisherville,
Paper-Mill Village,	Manchester, 1st church,
Surry,	Manchester, Franklin Street,
South-Newmarket,	Harrisville,
Langdon,	Salmon-Falls,
Bennington,	West-Lebanon,
Chesterfield,	East-Jaffry,
West-Stewartstown.	Concord, South, 1836.

By comparing the foregoing tables we come to the following result: Within a period of "ten or twelve years," two churches have become extinct on missionary ground, and four churches within fifteen; or if you please, within a period of seventeen years, six churches have become extinct on missionary ground. Now it appears, also, that *twelve* churches have been organized within the same period of fifteen years, seven of which, as before stated, within ten or twelve years, being a net increase of five churches within a period of fifteen years. Again, it will be seen that the whole number of churches that have become extinct throughout the State during the past fifteen years, including six that were united with other churches, and one whose loss was rather a gain, is eleven, while *twenty-four* have been formed during the same period, including the South Church in Concord, because named in the published list of new churches, though formed a little before the period in question. Our churches have, therefore, gained thirteen, instead of losing "eighteen," as has been stated. Let us now turn to the minutes of the General Association and see how the matter stands. The several district associations reported 156 churches in the State in 1837. The nine churches in Orange association were not reported. These added, made the whole number of churches 165. The minutes of the General Asssociation for 1851,

hope for the advancement of any church or people bereft of the appropriate influences of the christian ministry, yet facts in abundance prove that churches may decline in numbers and efficiency notwithstanding they may enjoy them without interruption. This proof can be furnished no more readily in the history of our feeble than of our able churches. The agencies of decline common to both classes of churches can only be arrested by a power from on high. The preaching of the gospel was not ordained to make men immortal on earth, nor to confine them to any locality. If the fifteen destitute churches of the more feeble class, and the nearly thirty towns that never contained churches of our order, and which were never occupied except to a limited extent with other denominations, are ever to be supplied with a devoted and able ministry of the word, it must be done by our Society. No other agency or organization will do it. In supplying the destitutions of the field and in the general prosecution of our work, no departure from the long established order and principles of the Society is demanded. We only need an ability, an energy, and a spirit adequate to the emergency.

Though it be true that our field as a whole was scarcely ever better

contain a catalogue of 182 churches. To this list should be added eight churches not reported, viz., Shelburne, East-Jaffrey, Dunbarton, East-Hanover, New-Ipswich, 2d church, Plaistow, Danbury and Hooksett, making the whole number of churches in the State 191. The difference between 165 and 190 is 25, the actual increase of our churches in fifteen years, according to the minutes. It should be observed that the minutes for 1851 foot 178 churches instead of 182, the true number reported. It will be perceived, then, that the minutes make the increase twelve more than we do, which is at least a presumptive evidence that we have not overstated it. The whole number of churches in 1837 was 175, according to our recollection, instead of 165 according to the minutes. Allowing, therefore, 175 churches for the year 1837, which cannot be far from correct, and 190 for 1851, which we know to be the exact number, we find the difference to be 15, only 2 more than we have made it by a careful examination. It is a fact which no one conversant with the subject will deny, that there never were more churches connected with our denomination than at the present time. But while the number of our churches has been increasing, the number of communicants in them has declined somewhat the past fifteen years, as the minutes of the General Association will show. The minutes for 1836 contain 20,681 communicants reported by 147 churches out of 167, the whole number then reported in the State. By adding 531 for the number in 13 churches not reported, but found to be the true number when last reported, we have the whole number of communicants 21,212. The minutes for 1851 show when correctly footed 18,465 communicants. There were 28 churches not reported, which contained 1,713 members, which made the whole number 20,178, or a decrease of 1,034 since 1836. By consulting the table published in this report, it will be seen that there was a gradual increase of communicants in our churches from 1816, down to 1837, when they decline in one year to 2,149, and the next year increased to 1,008. The number of communicants since 1837 has been, according to the minutes, very fluctuating, sometimes rising above, and sometimes falling below the number in 1836.

By comparing 1836 with 1852, we find that our decline is 1,044, according to the minutes, but the real decrease (see table) is only 789. The greatest number ever reported is in 1845, and is 21,689. The decrease since that year is 2,052. Again, the greatest number of communicants by estimate is 22,895, the number for 1843. The number for 1852 shows a decrease of 2,472. We have not, then, declined "four or five thousands."

supplied than at the present time, yet we could increase the number of laborers, could the proper men be found, willing to enter our service. To send forth men as missionaries, in sufficient numbers to supply all our destitute churches and towns, for no better reason than the fact of their destitution, would not be the dictate of common sense, nor the province of christian benevolence. But it is not to be charged to the neglect of the Missionary Society that there are some feeble churches destitute, and some towns unblessed with the influences of the ministry, or that a few churches have wasted away. No field offering reasonable inducements for missionary operations, has been neglected, when men supposed to be adapted to the peculiarities of our work, could be obtained, but it has always been slow to occupy any field, however important, with men better fitted in the judgment of the Trustees for other purposes than our service. Not a little loss to the missionary work has been occasioned in our history by an unfortunate choice of instruments, whose temper was either too high or too low for the hard work to which they were applied. Were it not for the delicacy of the task, we might have shown that in all such cases of complaint, the fault should be chargeable to the mistaken advice of interested friends, or to the right invested in every Congregational church to choose its own minister, rather than to the free, intelligent, and independent action of the Society. But to employ such men as God and his church approve, is our anxious care. But where are we to find them in sufficient numbers for our necessities? This inquiry has been long propounded, and yet no response has brought them to light. At whose door, then, shall the charge of delinquency be laid? What human influence shall be made responsible that the "laborers are few?" Who but the "Lord of the harvest" can *raise up and qualify* the messengers of his word, and give them hearts to answer when he calls, "Here I am, send me?"

Again, however important the preaching of the gospel may be, there must be a coöperation on the part of those who are called by the name of the Lord, or the "breach" will not be repaired, nor the "paths to dwell in" be restored. We come to the aid of a church in sustaining the ministry, and for what purpose? Not that it may passively and indifferently enjoy the grace of religious ordinances,—not merely that it may be fed itself with the bread of life, but being fed and full, it may administer food to others who are needy. It is bound by an obligation over and above that which rests upon all christians, to exemplify the missionary spirit of the command, "Preach the gospel to every creature." The members of every church aided by this Society should preach the gospel, not under the instance of clerical authority, but by the sanctified power of a holy life. In this way only can they have the promise of the divine blessing to seal the institutions of religion to their increase, in numbers and graces, and in this way only can we realize the full accomplishment of the missionary work. That spirit of consecration to God which separates the christian from the world; which makes his individual life a living epistle of the value of religion known and read of all around—

and which graces his humble dwelling with the daily duties of domestic piety; is the spirit that fits him to be an efficient co-laborer in the missionary field. It is made the more active by obstacles, the stronger by trials, and the purer by exercise. It is consoled by sympathy, encouraged by support, striving by greater sacrifices to return to the cause of Christ, blessings more abundant than it has received. This is the missionary spirit. Let the feeble churches of New-Hampshire be duly impressed with a sense of their obligations to be missionaries themselves—let them feel that they have a work to do, as well as to have a work to be done for them, and God will own our united labors to beautify his Zion, and we shall together rejoice over the triumphs of the gospel. Let there be a reflex influence of Christ-like zeal and love between benefactors and recipients, and soon the glorious results of a missionary life will be every where seen.

CONCLUSION.

As we once more stand between the past and the future in the revolving years of our Home Missionary history, it is natural to indulge in general reflections, but this indulgence must be restrained except to give utterance to the sentiment so familiar, that we of the present generation will have soon completed our part in shaping the moral destiny of this nation. There is, indeed, a fearful uncertainty involved in the approaching crisis of our country's affairs. Dark clouds are hovering around it. But the terrible unknown casts no obscurity over the path of the christian patriot. That path is made brilliant by the light of truth. It is disarmed of all its terrors by the constant echo of the promise, "He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." Why, then, should he be disturbed by the clashing interests of party; why be moved by all the heavings and tossings of an unbelieving generation? They are all outside the Ark of God, whose inward sanctuary they cannot enter. But it is only in the exhibition of the proof that he, like his divine Master, is prepared for this experience of spiritual safety and joy. Where is that proof? In what can it be more clearly seen than in laboring and praying for the cause of Home Missions? the cause of sending preachers of righteousness to the unevangelized millions of our Home,—not our Home merely—not merely the Home of the descendants of the Pilgrims and of the Anglo-Americans. From Maine to California, we throw open the doors of our home to the oppressed, the outcast, and the adventurer of every nation and every clime; and they, too, come in countless hordes, soon learning in broken accents to call it *our home.* O shall it be the home of freedom, of truth, of virtue and of piety? The little agency we are exerting will help to guard its sacred enclosures from the vandal approaches of those who would spoil us of our inheritance and destroy the hopes of groaning humanity. There are those who look upon us with no friendly eye. They watch for our haltings and our remissness in duty, but in the God of nations is our safety. Let us then go forward in our

humble work, to make happy and glorious the whole of this great American family, and our reward will soon be in heaven, where the wicked will cease from troubling and the weary be at rest.

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. P. STONE,

Secr'y of the N. H. M. S.

The following table is compiled from the minutes of the General Association and from the personal knowledge of the Secretary of the Missionary Society. Should it seem foreign to *this* Report, the importance of it as a matter of reference, and the probability that no such help will be furnished by any other hands to the future historian of our denomination, will perhaps justify its publication in our report. Much labor and care have been bestowed upon its preparation, and yet the compiler does not vouch for its accuracy except so far as he was guided by his own knowledge. From the very imperfect manner in which the minutes were prepared, especially from 1816 (the first year the statistics of the churches were published,) down to 1828, it is impossible for any one to get at accuracy in numbers. But the statistics given, if not in all cases correct, are, we believe, a sufficient approximation to the truth for all practical purposes.

Years.	Whole number of Churches in the State.	Whole number of Churches reported.	Number of Churches whose Communicants are not reported.	Number of Churches destitute.	Number of feeble Churches destitute.	Number of Ministers in the State.	Whole number of Communicants reported.	Whole number of Communicants in the State.
1816	86	86	31			66	5108	7960
1817	98	98	34			75	6841	10445
1818	98	98	37			76	6298	9709
1819	98	93	38	18	9	71	8742	11290
1820	103	103	23	32	21	76	8848	11372
1821	106	106	18	24	18	81	9688	11920
1822	108	108	23	26	22	83	9694	12316
1823	111	111	21	30	24	80	9185	11327
1824	114	114	26	29	25	88	9990	11984
1825	116	116	18	29	27	88	10549	11899
1826	*170	119	17	26	20	80	9049	13171
1827	170	138	27	28	23	111	10731	12767
1828	170	140	28	41	34	95	11782	14497
1829	170	146	17	39	31	116	11626	13244
1830	170	146	19	24	23	116	12862	14086
1831	170	147	15	33	26	119	13047	14869
1832	170	152	6	34	24	117	18090	18612
1833	170	152	5	32	21	117	18347	18589
1834	170	159	5	32	25	125	18982	19496
1835	170	147	27	38	26	125	18752	20950
1836	170	167	13	32	26	125	20681	21212
1837	170	156	22	28	20	134	18160	19063
1838	178	161	25	26	14	131	18511	20071
1839	180	170	20	24	10	136	16435	18518
1840	182	170	29	23	17	143	17580	19794
1841	183	170	20	21	15	143	17956	20170
1842	183	170	10	20	15	144	19241	20266
1843	180	174	17	12	9	145	21300	22894
1844	181	174	15	20	9	160	20957	22295
1845	181	176	19	15	7	156	21689	22346
1846	181	181	12	18	8	156	20894	20507
1847	182	180	10	15	12	154	19881	20441
1848	185	180	3	24	13	154	20339	20708
1849	188	179	23	17	11	155	17739	20153
1850	189	188	21	13	20	153	18633	20153
1851	190	183	28	21	14	155	18465	20178
1852	190	184	15	29	14	152	19637	20423

REMARKS.—It will be seen from the foregoing table that the whole number of Churches in the State were seldom if ever reported by the General Association. The whole number of Ministers in the State given in the table includes, for the most part only, those actually engaged as pastors or supplies of churches. The whole number of communicants in the State is obtained by adding to the number reported in the minutes, the number in the Churches not reported. The number given in the minutes for the year nearest to the year in which it is not reported has been added. In some cases, where many years of blanks intervene, the number is estimated.

The table has cost us much time and care, and, we venture to say, it is as near an approximation to the true numerical history of our Churches, since 1816, as can be made out.

*** A Committee was raised this year, by the General Association, to ascertain the number of Churches in the State, and they reported 170; which number we have retained as the true number down to 1837. Since 1837, we have put the whole number of churches down, in the table, according to our personal knowledge and recollection.**

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

SAMUEL FARRINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Dr.		**Cr.**	
To paid appropriations to feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,322.68	By balance on hand, Aug. 15, 1851,	$2,693.01
To paid appropriations to the A. H. M. Society,	1,500.00	By donations, collections, and legacies,	6.055,65
To paid donations and legacies to the A. H. M. Society,	726.10	By income from permanent fund,	102.00
To paid salary of Secretary and General Agent,	400.00		
To paid traveling expenses of General Agent,	50.00		$8,850,66
To paid postage and stationery,	29.46		
To paid salary of Treasurer,	40.00		
To paid Treasurer of cent institution,	15.00		
To paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports and circulars,	142.27		
To paid Rufus Merrill, for binding reports,	20.55		
To paid freight on boxes, bundles, and money,	4.73		
To balance on hand,	1,599.87		
	$8,850.66		

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the account of SAMUEL FARRINGTON, Treasurer of the N. H. Missionary Society, and find it correctly cast and well vouched. There is a balance in the treasury of fifteen hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents ($1,599.87.)

H. A. NEWHALL, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 17, 1852.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 15, 1852.

Acworth—Cong. Church and Society, $38,00; Ladies' Assoc., $14,00 $52,00
Alstead, New—Cong. Church and Society, 8,00
Amherst—Benevolent Association for the A. H. M. S., 54,12; Aaron Lawrence, to constitute his mother, Mrs. Lucy L. Lawrence, L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 30,00 84,12
Andover—Rev. Nathan Howard, 2,00
Antrim—Pres. Church and Society, 12,95, for the A. H. M. S., 13; Ladies' Association, 11, for the A. H. M. S., 1,25, 38,20
Atkinson—Cong. Church and Society, 6,50
Barrington—Cong. Church and Society, 11,00
Bath—Cong. Church and Society, 20,00
Bedford—Pres. Church and Society, 103,50
Bennington—Cong. Church and Society, 28,25; class of boys in S. S., 1,75, the whole to constitute Rev. Calvin N. Ransom L. M., 30,00
Bethlehem—Cong. Church and Society, 14,00
Boscawen, East—Dr. Thomas Peach, annual sub. two years, 4,00
Boscawen, West—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 24; Joseph Clough, in full L. M., 20, 44,00
Bradford—Cong. Church and Society, 19,20; Rev. D. Goodhue, in full L. M., 10; A. B. Emerson, avails of shoes sold, 1,33, 30,53
Brentwood—Cong. Church and Society, 23,50; Rev. J. Boutwell, 5, 28,50
Campton—Cong. Church and Society, 4,30
Candia—Cong. Church and Society, 62,00
Canterbury—Cong. Church and Society, 13,30
Charlestown—Cong. Church and Society, 28,50
Chester—Cong. Church and Society, 38,76; J. W. Noyes, in part to constitute his daughter, Nancy, L. M., 10, 48,76
Centre-Harbor—Cong. Church and Society, in full to constitute Dea. Ward Sturtevant L. M., ... 10,00
Claremont—Cong. Church and Society, 24,45; Mrs. Jarvis, 2; a friend, 1, 27,45
Concord—1st Cong. Church and Society, subscriptions and collections, 100,66; monthly concert, 8; Mrs. Charlotte Woolson, in part to constitute her daughter, Charlotte A., L. M., 5; Dea. Benj. Farnum and wife, in part to constitute their son, Charles W., L. M., 10; Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, in part to constitute her son, Moses H., L. M., 5; Robert Davis and wife in part to constitute Mrs. Rebecca A. Davis L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 6; Mrs. Anne G. Merrill, in part L. M. of A. H. M. S., 5; James Moulton, an. sub., 2; a friend, avails of gold ring, ,75; Nathan Ballard, Esq., Ivory Hall, and Mrs. Lydia Merrill are constituted L. M., with the above subscription, . . 142,41
Concord, East—Cong Church and Society, 3,73; Dea. John Eastman, in part to constitute his son, Mellen C., L. M., 5, also in part to constitute his daughter, Jane A., L. M., 5; Mrs. Lucinda B. Eastman, in part L. M, 5, ... 18,73
Concord, South—Cong. Church and Society, 24; Nathan Stickney and wife, in part to constitute Charles R. Green L. M., 10; Samuel Farrington, in full L. M., 10; Rev. Benj. P. Stone and wife, in part to constitute Samuel Leroy Farrington, L. M., 10, 54,00
Concord, West—Cong. Church and Society, 9,16; Rev. A. P. Tenney, in part to constitute his son, Edward Payson, L. M., 5; Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, in part L. M., 8, ... 22,16
Derry—Cong. Church and Society, ... 31,02

Derry—Pres. Church and Society, 33, do. for the A. H. M. S., 67, 100,00
Dublin—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,00
Durham—Cong. Church and Society, ... 36,43
Dunbarton—Cong. Church and Society, 14,24; sabbath school for the A. H. M. S., 23, ... 37,24
Enfield—A friend, ... ,50
Epping—Cong. Church and Society, 18,62; Mrs. Hannah Barker, 17,50, both in full to constitute Rev. Lyman White L. M., . 36,12
Fisherville—Cong. Church and Society, 6,25; Mrs. Jane Chandler, in full L. M. of the A. H. M. S, 15. 21,25
Franklin—Cong. Church and Society, ... 11,52
Gilmanton-Center—Cong. Church and Society, ... 17,26
Gilmanton I. W.—Rev. Rufus Childs, for the A. H. M. S., ... ,25
Gilsum—Cong. Church and Society, 4.35; Mrs. L. Downing, for the A H. M. S., 5, ... 9,35
Goshen—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Rev. H. Richardson L. M., ... 1,10
Great-Falls—Cong. Church and Society, ... 32,75
Hancock—Cong. Church and Society, ... 7,75
Hanover—Dart. Coll. Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Rev. John Richards L. M., 17,19; Mrs. Francis Moody, 1, 18,19
Harrisville—Cong. Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S., 24,50; Lovel Harris, in part L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 5; Ladies' Benevolent Society, in part to constitute Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle L. M. 12,50, ... 42,00
Hampstead—Cong. Church and Society, 14,00, do. for the A. H. M. S., 6, 20,00
Haverhill—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Rev. Edward Greeley L. M., also in part to constitute Leverett Merrill L. M., 45,23
Haverhill—North Cong. Church and Society, ... 9,25
Hebron—A friend, ... 1,00
Henniker—Cong. Church and Society, 25,50, do. for the A. H. M. S., 90, 115,50
Hill—Cong. Church and Society, ... 3,71
Hillsboro' Br.—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Mrs. Nancy McClintock, L. M., ... 6,79
Hinsdale—Cong. Church and Society, ... 24,00
Hooksett—Cong. Church and Society, 7,82; a friend, for the A. H. M. S. 5, 12,82
Hollis—Cong. Church and Society, 62,05, do. for the A. H. M. S., 33,35, 95,40
Hudson—Cong. Church and Society, ... 7,31
Jaffrey—Cong. Church and Society, ... 4,00
Jaffrey, East—Cong. Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S., . 3,00
Keene—Five monthly concerts, 26,40; Ladies' Heshbon Society, 20; Wm. Tennance, 10; Mrs. Eliza P. Hastings in part L. M., 5; Samuel Town, 2d, L. M., 5; Dr. Samuel Smith, L. M., 5; Dr. Samuel Adams, 10; a friend, 10, ... 91,40
Langdon—Cong. Church and Society, ... 13,26
Lebanon-Center—Cong. Church and Society, ... 15,36
Lebanon, West—In part to constitute Rev. Rufus Case L. M., 21; Samuel Wood, in full to constitute his son, Joseph L., L. M., 10, 31,00
Lempster—Cong. Church and Society, ... 7,50
Litchfield—Pres. Church and Society, ... 15,00
Littleton—Cong. Church and Society 7; Abijah Allen and wife an. sub.,4; T. Gile, 1; Sylvanus Balch, in full L. M. of the A. H. M. S. 10, 22,00
Londonderry—Pres. Church and Society, in part to constitute Mrs. Priscilla Burbank L. M., ... 20,00
Loudon—1st sabbath school, for the A. H. M. S., ... 5,63
Loudon Village—A friend, ... 1,25
Lyme—Cong. Church and Society, 60; Rev. E. Tenney, in full to constitute his son, Edwin Hawes, L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 10, 70,00
Lyndeboro'—Cong. Church and Society, ... 71,70
Manchester—1st Cong. Church and Society, 44,04; James Hersey, 5, 49,04
Manchester—Pearl Street Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,00

Marlboro'—Cong. Church and Society, in full to constitute Mrs. Emily White L. M. of A. H. M. S., ... 17,00
Mason—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,70
Meredith Br.—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,03
Meredith Village—Cong. Church and Society, 20; Mrs. Susan H. Sanborn, an., sub., 2, ... 22,00
Meriden—Cong. Church and Society, ... 54,50
Merrimack—Mrs. R. H. Pratt, ... 2,00
Moultonboro'—Mrs. Martha Dodge, an. sub., 2; Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Rev. J. B. Cook L. M., 6, 8,00
Merrimack South—Mrs. Harriet M. Tolman, in part to constitute her brother, Samuel H. Tolman, L. M., ... 7,00
Mt. Vernon—Cong. Church and Society, in full to constitute —— 37,52; Timothy Kittredge, second payment to constitute Mary E. Kittredge L. M. 5; John Brace in part L. M., 10; Dea. J. A. Starrett, in part L. M., 10; Mrs. O. E. Starrett, in part L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10, ... 72,52
New-Boston—Pres. Church and Society, ... 13,79
Nelson—Cong. Church and Society, ... 28,00
Newport—Cong. Church and Society, ... 27,68
North-Hampton—Individuals, 7,27; Ladies' Sewing Circle, for the A. H. M. S., 20, ... 27,27
Ossipee—Cong. Church and Society, 8; Dea. Daniel Smith L. M., 5; John Smith, L. M., 5; Levi Smith, 2; John Moulton, 2; Rev. Horace Wood, 3; L. D. Sawyer, Esq., and family, 5; the whole to constitute John Smith L. M., ... 30,00
Paper-Mill Village—Cong. Church and Society, ... 15,13
Pelham—Cong. Church and Society, 16; Rev. E. B. Foster, 3; John Tyler, to constitute his wife, Jemima M. Tyler, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30, ... 49,00
Pembroke—Cong. Church and Society, ... 19,97
Peterboro'—Pres. Church and Society, 9,68; a friend, ... 11,68
Pittsfield—Cong. Church and Society, 32,28; Rev. Moses H. Wells, in full, to constitute his daughter, Clara E. Wells, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; Dea. J. L. Thorndike, in part to constitute his daughter, Sarah, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; R. L. French, in part to constitute his daughter, Laura C., L. M. . . . 57,28
Plainfield—Cong. Church and Society, ... 7,00
Portsmouth North—Cong. Church and Society, ... 93,00
Plymouth—Church and Society, 41,50; Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, in part to constitute his nephew, Wm. Tucker, L. M., 5; Wm. W. Russell, in part to constitute his daughter, Ellen A. Russell, L. M., 5; James McQuestion, in part to constitute his daughter, Caroline, L. M., 5, ... 56,50
Rindge—Ladies' Auxiliary Home Missionary Society, to constitute Mrs. Cynthia H. Brown L. M., 31,33; Joshua C. Town, 2; J. B. Breed, in full to constitute Mary E. Breed L. M., 10, . 43,33
Rochester—Cong. Church and Society, ... 12,72
Roxbury—Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,25
Salem—Cong. Church and Society, ... 4,00
Sanbornton—Cong. Church and Society, 10; also in Aug., 1852, 22, 32,00
Sanbornton Br.—Cong. Church and Society, 13; Rev. C. Curtice, 5; the whole in full to constitute Isaac Whittier L. M. . . . 18,00
Seabrook and Hampton-Falls—Cong. Church and Society, . . . 6,00
South Newmarket—Cong. Church and Society, 13; also in August, 1852, 11,05; Rev. Winthrop Fifield, in full to constitute his son L. M., 5, ... 28,05
Stewartstown—Moses Pickard, ... 1,00
Sullivan—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,00
Swanzey—Cong. Church and Society, 12,45; Rev. E. Rockwood, in part to constitute Mrs. Hannah A. Brigham L. M. of the A. H. M. S., 10, ... 22,45

Temple—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,21
Troy—Monthly Concert and Collection, ... 16,17
Walpole—Cong. Church and Society, ... 61,00
Warner—Dea. Frederick Eaton, ... 1,00
Washington—Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,00
Wentworth—Cong. Church and Society, ... 5,00
Westmoreland—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Miss Elizabeth Green L. M., ... 30,00
Winchester—Ladies' H. M. S., in full to constitute Wm. B. Hale, St. Johnsbury, Vt., L. M., and the balance to constitute Dr. Noah A. Chapin, of Newport, L. M., ... 47,00
Wilmot—Cong. Church and Society, ... 8,00
Windham—Ladies' Union Benevolent Society, to constitute Rev. Loran Thayer L. M., 30; Pres. Church and Society, 29,67 . . 59,67

LEGACIES.

Antrim—Legacy in full ($275 previously paid) of Susannah Spaulding, for the A. H. M. S., ... 35,50
Bradford—Legacy of Mrs. Mehitable Sawyer, to constitute her sister, Mrs. Sarah Goss, of Henniker, L. M., ... 30,00
Franklin—Legacy in full of Mrs. Abigail Sanborn, (the whole amount $1,849,29), ... 154,07
Hollis—Legacy of widow Elizabeth R. Jewett, ... 600,00
New-Ipswich—Legacy of Mrs. Lucy E. Barrett, to constitute Mrs. Lucinda D. Stearns, Miss Lucy E. Stearns and Mr. Joseph Stearns L. Ms. of the A. H. M. S., ... 100,00
Rindge—Legacy of Miss L. Town, ... 5,00
Sanbornton—Legacy of Dea. Moses Emery, $30, of which to constitute Rev. Abraham Bodwell L. M. of A. H. M. S., . . 100,00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Shawmut, N. Y.—Miss Sally McFerson, for the A. H. M. S., . . 1,50
Sullivan County Conference, ... 12,00
Merrimack County Conference, ... 19,02
Coös County Conference, ... 4,11
Income of Permanent Fund, ... 102,00
General Association at Acworth, ... 43,77
N. H. Central Institution, ... 1,727,89

RECAPITULATION.

Counties.	Collections & Legacies.	Cent Money.	Total.
Rockingham,	$585,89	$384,74	$924,63
Strafford,	91,90	107,15	199,05
Belknap,	195,54	71,70	266,24
Carroll,	38,00	45,62	83,62
Merrimack,	840,23	355,73	1,195,96
Hillsboro',	1,445,51	393,63	1,839,14
Cheshire,	525,13	120,42	645,55
Sullivan,	209,11	94,49	303,60
Grafton,	310,04	198,53	508,57
Coös,	5,11	12,00	17,11
	$4246,66	$1738,01	$5995,27
Received from other sources, ...			172,28
Total receipts, ...			$6157,55

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Wood Amos, Alstead
Wood Rev. Horace, Ossipee
Wood Joseph L., West Lebanon
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Woodman Mrs. R. E., "
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Wyman Sarah, Cornish
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Young Mrs. Mary W., "
Young Rev. Jere. S., So. Andover, Ms.
Young Harriet F., " "

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of the Society shall be to assist Churches and Congregations that are unable to support the Gospel Ministry, and to send Missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of Home Missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, to be chosen annually, and nine Trustees, to be chosen triennially, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot; and the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, shall be trustees ex-officio.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the eldest man of the Trustees present, to preside in all meetings of the Society and of the Trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and of the Trustees,— to keep a true record of the transactions of the Society, and of the Trustees,— to fill out Commissions for Missionaries, and Certificates of Life Members,— to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Trustees, and to make an annual report to the Society of the proceedings of the Trustees, and of their Executive Committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society, to lease or convey by deed any real estate belonging to the Society, when directed by the Trustees or their Executive Committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the Treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the Society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the Trustees or their Committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the Executive Committee, to make appropriations of money,— to appoint Missionaries, sound, pious, able and discreet men,— to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the Society, and to make through the Secretary an Annual Report of their doings to the Society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the Society, they shall appoint an Executive Committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, to fill its own vacancies from the Trustees, or vacancies in the Board of Officers, which may occur between the annual meetings of the Society — to appoint Missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the Trustees.

ART. 8. The Society shall meet annually on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and place as the Society may have appointed at a preceding annual meeting.

ART. 9. Any person may become a Member of this Society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a Life Member by paying thirty dollars; and every Member, except Life Members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify in writing a desire to withdraw. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the Society. All male Life Members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the Society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the Gospel statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an Agent of the Society, to invite the attention of his hearers at least once a year to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its Treasurer or its authorized Agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the Society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the Constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, besides having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the Trustees.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Littleton, Aug. 25th, 1853, the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. MILTON BADGER, D. D., of New-York. Extracts from the Annual Report were read by the Secretary. On motion of Rev. Z. S. BARSTOW, D. D., of Keene, the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed. The Society was then addressed by the Rev. E. S. WRIGHT, of Acworth, who supported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the cause of Home Missions, in view of the purity of its origin, its combined influences, and its prospective results, is deserving of the increased patronage of the churches, and the support of every good citizen.

The Society was also addressed by the Rev. Dr. BADGER, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

REV. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, *President.*
REV. DANIEL J. NOYES, D. D., Hanover, *Vice-President.*
REV. BENJ. P. STONE, Concord, *Secretary.*
REV. BENJ. P. STONE, Concord, *Treasurer.*
REV. JACOB CUMMINGS, Hillsborough Bridge,
REV. ASA P. TENNEY, West-Concord,
REV. A. W. BURNHAM, Rindge,
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ARTHUR FLETCHER, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees elected in 1852.

Rev. JOHN K. YOUNG, Meredith Bridge.
Rev. SERENO T. ABBOTT, Seabrook.
Rev. TIMOTHY G. BRAINARD, Londonderry.

Trustees elected in 1851.

Rev. C. W. WALLACE, Manchester.
Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, Concord.
Rev. JOHN RICHARDS, D. D., Hanover.

Adjourned *sine die*. BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary*.

NOTE. The office of Treasurer is now united with that of Secretary. On recommendation of the General Association, the usual collection at the Annual Meeting was abolished.

ANNUAL REPORT.

It becomes the mournful duty of the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to record, in their Fifty-Second Annual Report, the doings of death during the year among our clerical brethren who have labored and sympathized with us in the missionary work. Soon after our last anniversary the Rev. Abraham Burnham, D. D., died at his residence in Pembroke. In 1814 he first became a member of the Board by being elected a Trustee, which office he held till December, 1817, when the Executive Committee appointed him Secretary *pro tem.* of the Society, to succeed the Rev. Ethan Smith, who had been its Secretary from its organization, and who was now about to remove from the State. This office he held nearly fifteen years. In 1832 he declined a reëlection as Secretary, but was elected the Vice-President of the Society. In 1834 he was superseded in the Vice-Presidency, and for the ensuing year sustained no official relation to the Society, but in 1835 he was again chosen a Trustee, which office he held till 1838, when he was elected the President of the Society, to succeed Dr. Church, who had resigned. He remained President till our last anniversary, when, by reason of age and infirmities,

he declined all official connection with the Society. He was then connected with the Society as Trustee, nearly seven years; as Secretary, about fourteen years and nine months; as Vice-President, two years, and as President fourteen years, in all nearly thirty-eight years of our history.

The Rev. Drury Fairbank was frequently employed by the Society as a missionary among the feeble and destitute churches in the regions of Plymouth and Littleton, where he formerly labored in the pastoral office. He was at different times a Trustee,—being first elected in 1817, and serving as such in all six years. He died at his residence in Littleton, at an advanced age.

The Rev. Phineas Cooke, for many years settled as pastor, first in Acworth, and afterwards in Lebanon, was a Trustee thirteen years, elected at different times. His first election was in 1824. He died at his residence in Amherst, Mass.

The Rev. John M. Stearns was for a time our missionary in Dalton. His death occurred in Brentwood, a few months since, where he was laboring as a stated supply.

These devoted servants of Christ are no more. Their memory is precious. Their warm-hearted interest in the cause of Home Missions, their singular attachment to the work of the gospel ministry, and their usefulness, testify to us that they lived not in vain in the Lord. They have left no necessity for our eulogy, but we, their survivors, need to follow their example, and to be admonished by their departure that we too will soon cease from our labors.

We now proceed to present an abstract of our Report, observing the same order as we have done in former years.

Churches, Missionaries, and dates of Commissions.	Length of Com.	Amount of Aid.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added by Profession.	Added by Letter.	Deaths.	Removals, &c.	S. S. Pupils.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1. ANDOVER, ... Rev. N. Howard, *s. s.* Jan. 1, 1853.	12	100	7	10	17	1				1	120	3 00	4 00
2. BENNINGTON, ... Rev. C. N. Ransom, *s. s.* Sept. 2, 1852.	10	100	10	40	50		2	1	2		60		35 95
3. BETHLEHEM, ... Rev. D. McClenning, *P.* Dec. 21, 1852.	6	75	12	22	34				1		157	25 00	27 60
4. BRADFORD, ... Rev. D. Goodhue, *P.* May 1, 1852.	12	100			53						85		
5. BROOKLINE, ... Rev. D. Goodwin, *P.* Jan. 1, 1853.	12	75	24	50	74				1	1	130	35 88	78 38
6. CHARLESTOWN, ... Rev. W. Wright, *P.* Nov. 10, 1852.	12	150	13	44	67	1	3	7			65	29 99	22 71
7. CENTRE-HARBOR, ... Rev. A. Benson, *P.* Sept. 1. 1852.	12	100	15	28	43					1	85		
8. CANAAN, ... Moses Gerould, *s. s.* Aug. 20, 1853.	1 12	28 200			26								
9. DANBURY, ... Rev. N. Howard, *s. s.* Jan. 1, 1852.	12	25	16	21	37						50		
10. DUBLIN, ... Rev. A. Hayes, *s. s.* June 1, 1852.	12	100	16	30	46						60		
11. DORCHESTER, ... Mr. E. C. A. Woods, *M.* April 23, 1853.	1½	42	5	10	15		1						
12. ENFIELD, ... Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.* April 1, 1853.	12	25	8	9	17						100		
13. EPPING, ... Rev. C White, *s. s.* Sept. 12, 1852.	12	150	19	32	51	1				1	75	36 12	22 37
14. FRANCONIA, ... Rev. D. McClenning, *P.* Dec. 21, 1852.	6	75	3	7	10					5	55	5 56	
15. FARMINGTON, ... Rev. D. B. Tappan, *s. s.* Oct. 24, 1852.	12	100	10	14	24			2		1	70		66 96
16. GILSUM, ... Rev. E. Adams, *P.* Jan. 1, 1853.	12	100	16	28	44	16	9				72	23 76	42 00

REMARKS.

1. Mr. H. preaches in two places. Meetings well attended; an unusual interest in Sabbath School instruction; $39 raised to replenish the library.

2. Mr. Ransom left at the close of his mission. The desk is now supplied by Rev. Dr. Whiton, without missionary aid.

3. Some religious interest during the winter. The fundamental doctrines of the gospel are gaining ground. The prospects of the church are improving. The pastor divides his labors with Franconia.

4. Mr. Goodhue has been dismissed. The church is now destitute.

5. No important changes. Peace and harmony prevail.

6. Congregation averages about 100. No special interest reported.

7. The attendance on public worship has increased. There is more demand for preaching in the vicinity, and in some respects things are more encouraging.

8. Mr. Gerould was sent here on a short mission. He reports a congregation of about 125; thinks there are materials for gathering a society. Has made a permanent engagement.

9. This church is now destitute.

10. Mr. Hayes has retired from this field. The church is now destitute.

11. Mr. Wood reports much interest in the preaching of the word, and that the people are very anxious to enjoy the means of grace.

12. Mr. P. preaches in two places. Congregations have increased considerably in each part of the town. Appearances rather favorable.

13. "Our congregation is larger this year," says the report, "than many years before. The church and society are much encouraged. Our prospects were never more encouraging." 75 American Messengers and 100 Child's Papers circulated.

14. The attendance upon public worship improved. The prospects of the church rather dark.

15. Congregation about 150. Over $500 raised to establish a social library. Much exter nal improvement.

16. An interesting revival during the winter. The pecuniary and moral strength of the church somewhat strengthened.

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17. GOSHEN, ... Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.* March 1, 1853.	12	50	20	33	53		5	2	1		60	14 00	20 25
18. GROTON, ... Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.* March 1, 1853.	6	62 50			30	4			2		75	8 75	
19. HEBRON, ... Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.* March 1, 1853.	6	62 50	6	21	27		1	3			115	3 25	
20. HOOKSETT, ... Rev. J. W. Tarlton, *P.* June 1, 1853.	12	100	11	28	39						60	6 77	
21. HUDSON, ... Rev. D. French, *s. s.* Nov. 6, 1852.	12	125	24	47	71				1		75	22 69	15 08
22. HILL, ... Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.* May 25, 1852.	12	125	8	24	32						30	30 30	8 26
23. JEFFERSON MILLS, ... Rev. Thomas Hall, *s. s.* May 1, 1853.	6	75									50		
24. LANGDON, ... Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.* March 13, 1853.	12	125	15	27	42		3	4	1	2	80	27 00	11 00
25. LEE, ... Mr. Erastus Chester, *M.* April 23, 1853.	1¼	42									75		
26. LOUDON VILLAGE, ... Rev. T. N. Jones, *s.s.* April 1, 1852. Rev. Chas. Willey, *s. s.* April 10, 1853.	12	100 65	13	18	31	3	3		2		80	6 26	9 50
27. MANCHESTER CITY, ... Rev. T. P. Sawin, *s. s.* April 1, 1853.	12	150	7	27	34		7	27			275		
28. MASON, ... Rev. J. L. Arms, *s. s.* March 1, 1853.	12	100	45	55	100	3	2			9	80	14 41	46 50
29. MEREDITH VILLAGE, . . . Rev. G. Leach, *P.* Nov. 28, 1853.	12	100	23	55	76					2	70	15 00	
30. MERRIMACK SOUTH, ... Rev. S. H. Tolman, *s. s.* April 1, 1852. Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	12	100	10	21	31			1	1	2	44		
31. MOULTONBOROUGH, ... Rev. J. B. Cooke, *P.* Oct. 14, 1852.	12	100	30	47	77			1		2	50	2 00	18 28
32. NEW-CASTLE, ... Rev. L. Alden, *s. s.* April 1, 1852	12	100	7	20	27						190	5 00	

REMARKS.

17. Nothing of special importance is reported.

18. Some religious interest; meetings well attended. The temperance cause in the ascendancy. The Sabbath better observed than formerly.

19. The meetings well attended.

20. Mr. Tarlton has been dismissed. State of things not quite so encouraging as formerly.

21. There is nothing of special importance reported. The number in the Sabbath School is estimated.

22. Mr. Sawyer has left. There are only 15 resident members that can be relied on. The prospects of this church are exceeding dark.

23. Mr. Hall has been commissioned to labor here one half of the time. There is no church here; it is a hopeful missionary field.

24. "The congregation during the year has been unusually large." An interesting religious interest in the church during the winter. Much fatal error abounds in this community.

25. Mr. C. performed a mission here of six weeks. Congregation from 38 to 140. "There are some people here," says Mr. C., "who sympathise with Congregational order; they are few, however. It is my opinion that a faithful man might in time, if sustained on the field, be instrumental of doing good, and perhaps in gathering a small church."

26. Mr. Jones has left the State. "The attendance upon public worship," says Mr. W., "is quite good for this place, and there are many quite attentive hearers."

27. A church was organized Dec. 30, consisting of 5 males and 12 females, which worship in the mission chapel. The congregation is composed for the most part of those who have not been connected with any other. It varies from Sabbath to Sabbath. "Though our mission enterprise," says the report, "is not accomplishing what it ought, yet it is believed to be compensating for the outlay that has been made to establish and sustain it."

28. "The Sabbath School," says the report, "is larger than it has been at any time since I have been here. While there are some things encouraging, there is nothing especially discouraging, and no reason why the gospel should not be sustained in this place, but every reason why it should be."

29. Some rather discouraging things have taken place during the year, but we trust they will be overruled for the good of Zion.

30. Mr. Tolman has removed to Roxbury. Nothing of importance reported.

31. "I am not aware," says the pastor, "that there has been any very decided and perceptible advance in the state of morals and religion." The ability of the congregation to sustain the gospel has been gradually increasing, while there is an increased willingness to contribute to this object. They no longer ask aid.

32. The people have assumed the whole support of the ministry. They have been highly prosperous, at least externally.

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33. Newmarket, Rev. E. C. Cogswell, *s. s.* July 1, 1852.	12	100	12	28	40	6				4	80		
34. Nottingham, Rev. —— Fobes, *M.* July 18, 1852.	3	25	2	8	10								
35. Ossipee Corner, Rev. H. Wood, *M.* June 1, 1853.	1½	42			8						75	13 68	10 00
36. Paper Mill Village, Rev. Geo. S. Kemp, *s. s.* June 12, 1853.	9	112 50	10	20	30						40	10 66	11 00
37. Plainfield, Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.* Oct. 3, 1852.	12	100	5	22	27	1					30	20 00	38 00
38. Roxbury, Rev. S. H. Tolman, *s. s.* March 6, 1853.	12	50	10	22	32						30		
39. South Newmarket, Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.* Feb. 15, 1853.	12	100	10	17	27	4	2	1	2		60	29 66	36 90
40. Salem, Rev. J. Lawrence, *s. s.* Nov. 1, 1851. Rev. Wm. Page, *s. s.* Dec. 1, 1852.	12 12	100 100	13	40	53	1		1		3	115	15 56	6 98
41. Tuftonboro', Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.* April 13, 1853.			8	19	25					1		4 66	
42. Wakefield, Rev. N. Barker, *s. s.* July 24, 1852.	12	100	13	27	40					2	65	25 00	18 00
43. Warner, Rev. H. Howland, *s. s.* Aug. 1, 1852.	12	100	35	86	121	3	5	2	5	6	100	22 56	47 75
44. Wilmot, Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.* June 1, 1853.	12	100	16	21	37	3	3	2		1	175	9 00	8 00
45. Washington, Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.* July 1, 1852.	12	100	7	36	43			3			75	8 00	17 00
46. Wolfboro', Rev. N. Barber, *P.* April 4, 1853.	12	100	15	30	45	2	1	3			100	40 00	24 00
47. Wolfboro' North, Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.* April 13, 1853.	12	150	20	37	57	1		1	1	1		18 00	25 00
48. Alton, Mr. R. G. Green, *M.* April 23, 1853.	1½	42		4	4								
49. Strwartstown, Rev. John Wooster, *s. s.* Aug. 1, 1853.	6	65	12	13	25						50		

REMARKS.

33. "The external interest of our Society," says the report, "has been gradually improving, and there is more spiritual interest than usual at the present time. The congregation averages about 150."

34. This place is now destitute. The prospect of building up is not flattering.

35. There is no church in this place. Several members of other churches reside here. The missionary labors here one fourth of the time. The congregation ranges from 60 to 120.

36. No essential change in the state of this field during the year.

37. This people are diminishing by removals. Indifference to the institutions of religion abounds, and other discouragements render this a hard field, but we hope God has a few more elect in Plainfield.

38. Statistics from last year's report.

39. Some religious interest; two young men preparing for the ministry. Meetings well attended and solemn, and an increasing interest in the cause of benevolence, and things generally prosperous.

40. Mr. Lawrence has left the State. Meetings on the Sabbath well attended. A large portion of the congregation children and youths. It is expected that this church will soon be independent.

41. Prospects are exceeding dark, and never were very bright.

42. Notwithstanding the many losses this church has recently sustained by removals, "there are things in the social as well as moral condition of this community that have had a tendency to render the word of God of more effect."

43. This is the largest church now aided. Nothing of special importance reported.

44. Mr. K. preaches in three places. "I think," says he, "that the state of morals and religion is rather improving."

45. Congregation now larger that usual; increase of interest in the Sabbath School; 500 vols. in S. S. library.

46. Congregation considerably increased,—meeting-house has been enlarged. Much to encourage the hope of speedy independence.

47. Some religious interest in one neighborhood The cause of truth is making some advance, but it has many obstacles to encounter.

48. Meeting-house commenced. Here is a growing village. It is an important missionary field.

49. Mr. Wooster has been commissioned to labor here one half of the time. The church has been a long time destitute. This is an important missionary field.

SUMMARY.

THERE have been in commission during a part or whole of the year 47 missionaries, of whom 10 were pastors, 30 stated supplies, and 7 who performed short missions from four to twelve weeks each. Two pastors have been dismissed; six stated supplies have been employed who were not in commission last year; four have changed their fields of labor, but are still in commission, and three have left the State. Three missionaries have labored in two different towns, administering to two congregations each; two have administered to three congregations each in the towns where they are located, and forty-two have confined their labors to the benefit of one congregation each.

CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

The whole number of missionary churches and congregations that have enjoyed the benefactions of the Society during a part or whole of the year is *forty-nine*. Three of these congregations, viz., Jefferson Mills, Lee, and Ossipee Corner, contain no churches of our order. The church in Farmington, which had been independent of aid for a few years, has again been received under patronage. The church in Croydon has for the first time asked and received the pledge of aid, though the missionary appointed there has not entered the field. Seven churches and congregations, mentioned as among the aided in our last report, have received no assistance during the year. These are Dalton, Haverhill North, Litchfield, Sandown, Springfield, Surry, and Thornton. By an amicable arrangement with the Londonderry Presbytery, the Presbyterian church at Litchfield will not hereafter be considered a beneficiary of the Society, but a beneficiary of the Presbytery, and will not therefore be subject to our rules. The church at Bennington being at present supplied at an expense within their means, is not dependent upon the Society. Two churches have assumed the whole support of the ministry within the year, viz., New-Castle and Newmarket. The church in the latter place was gathered in 1828. The first missionary aid bestowed upon this people was in 1826. Since that time there has been expended here for the support of three missionaries on short missions, five pastors, and three stated supplies, $3,296.* New-Castle became a missionary field in 1823. For the past fifteen years it has been constantly supplied by four different men. The whole amount expended on this

* The Rev. E. C. Cogswell, the present stated supply of this church, in his last report tenders his acknowledgements in the following language: "And

island is $1620. There has been much on both of these fields to dishearten us, and many times the way of their enlargement seemed to be hedged up, but by the "patient continuance" of Christian sympathy and aid, and by the faithful application of the means of grace, God has brought these churches to the day when their strength to support the gospel is made sufficient without the aid of others.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS, &c.

The whole number added to the churches aided is 115, viz., 47 by profession, and 69 by letter. The whole number of removals by deaths, letter, and exclusion, is 82; net gain, 34. The whole number of communicants connected with 45 churches is 1900. There have been contributed by 27 churches $527,88 to Home Missions, and $674,27 to other objects, in all $1202,15. Sabbath Schools are connected with nearly all the congregations aided, and are reported to be highly prosperous. They number 3,588 pupils.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Your Secretary was authorized by the American Tract Society at Boston, about a year ago, to draw on their Depository for Tracts to the value of $75 in favor of our missionaries, in sums from $1 to $1,50 each, for distribution on their respective fields. The time to which this order was limited expired the 1st of May last. The whole amount drawn is $56. For this generous donation, as well as for the renewal of a still more liberal grant for another year, we would express our grateful acknowledgments to that Society, which has thus furnished so important an auxiliary to the missionary work.

STATE OF MORALS AND RELIGION.

Except in a few instances, there has been a decided improvement during the year, both in the temporal and spiritual condition of our feeble churches. In five or six congregations there has been more or less religious interest, the most remarkable of which was enjoyed by the church in Gilsum. The whole number of hopeful conversions reported is 60. The cause of temperance has remained nearly stationary. No decided decline or reäction is spoken of. While we should be humbled in view of the fact that there has been no general display of divine grace in the conversion of sinners and the enlargement of the churches on our field during the year, yet we rejoice that so much good seed has been sown for a future harvest. God only can mature the crop. He waits for the trial of our faith

thus taking my leave of the Society as one of their missionaries, I would express my sincere gratitude for the readiness with which appropriations have been made to this church for my support, and for the kindness and sympathy which I have ever received from the Secretary of the N. H. M. S. At the same time I am desired by the church to express their grateful recollections of the aid which has been annually extended to them from the day of their organization into a church, and without which they must have been deprived of the ministrations of the gospel, and perhaps have become extinct."

and our fidelity, and our confidence in his word of promise will secure us its glorious fulfilment.

SHORT MISSIONS.

Three young men from Andover Theological Seminary, two of them members of the Senior Class, and one a Resident Licentiate, labored six weeks each in our service during their spring vacation. They are Messrs. Erastus Chester, Richard G. Green, and E. C. Augustus Wood. Mr. Chester labored in Lee, Mr. Green in Alton, and Mr. Wood in Dorchester. The Rev. Moses Gerould has just performed a mission of four weeks at Canaan, at the expense of the Society. Mr. Chester reports that he preached three times on the Sabbath, and that he organized a Sabbath School and Bible Class. His congregation varied from 88 to 140. "There are some people here," he remarks, "who sympathise with the Congregational order. They are few, however. It is my opinion that a faithful man might in time, if sustained on the field, be instrumental in doing good, and perhaps in gathering a small church." At the close of his mission a subscription was raised to employ Mr. Chester during the summer, and an application was made to the Trustees to grant aid at the rate of $4 per week, the people purposing to pay $6 per week. This amount of aid was granted on condition that the missionary spend his whole time on the field, and perform the labors specified in our commissions. On making known to him the result of this application, Mr. Chester says: "I must approve the decision of the Trustees. My circumstances, however, will not allow of spending my time between the Sabbaths in this place. I must be in Andover."

Mr. Green confined his labors to a new village at Alton Corner, near the terminus of the Cocheco Railroad. He preached in all nineteen times, visited about forty families, and caused to be distributed three thousand pages of Tracts. In his report he says: "The center village in Alton may be computed to have a population of about five hundred. There is located here the 'First Congregational Church.' It has at present four members, all females, of whom only *three* can be said to have adorned their profession. This church never had a settled pastor, nor even stated preaching, except for a very short time. The only church besides this in the village is of the Free-Will Baptist order, numbering about seventy members, having at present neither pastor nor stated meetings. The religious state of the town is truly sad. What little religion may be supposed to exist, is spasmodic and uncertain. Your missionary is happy in being able to say that personally he has been well received and kindly treated by all with whom he has come in contact."

In this village efforts are now making to erect a house of worship. For this purpose fifteen hundred dollars have been raised. "Those engaged in the enterprise consider themselves able to raise annually three hundred dollars towards the support of a minister. The town is rapidly growing, is doubtless destined to be an important point, and it is the firm belief of your missionary that few points in the

State will better repay whatever effort or expense may now be afforded it from abroad. Mr. Wood was cordially received by the people at Dorchester. "He preached three times on the Sabbath, and visited a large number of families. He put into circulation the publications of the American Tract Society, particularly the Messenger and Child's Paper. "In reference to the attendance on my public services on the Sabbath," he says in his report, "it has exceeded my anticipations. The average number has steadily increased, from 80 to 150. My congregations have been very attentive. There was generally a seriousness pervading the audience which neither myself nor the church were expecting. I could not restrain the conviction that God was moving by his Spirit on the hearts of many before me. In two or three instances I had the constant attendance of those who had not been seen in the sanctuary for years." Speaking of the desire of the people for the establishment of the ministry among them, Mr. Wood says: "Many of those who are Universalists, and those who care but little about religion, seem anxious to have preaching in the town. One says, 'it would raise the credit of the town and make our property more valuable.' Another, 'our young people ought to have something to interest them on the Sabbath, to keep them from moving about, and conducting unbecomingly on that day.' Many, lamenting the prevailing intemperance, say, 'We need a minister to go ahead in the temperance cause, and institute a reform.'— Thus we see that worldly men have the true philosophy of the thing. I am satisfied that none but an educated, strong man, could be of essential service to Dorchester, for the people would have no confidence in any other. Such an one would, I am confident, with faithfulness and the blessing of God, build up a good Society there. The most prominent discouragements mentioned in his report, are the multiplicity of sects among professing christians, being no less than five in a population of about 700; the prevalence and strong influence of fatal error, and the extensive use of intoxicating drinks.

"The church in Dorchester," says Mr. Wood, "though small, is united and earnest. They are desirous of having the means of grace among them. They are not rich in this world's goods, and therefore could do but little to support the gospel." They raised a subscription near the close of our missionary's labors there, of $75 to $80, to employ a minister one half of the time, if one could be found, but the man is not.

These four missions amounted to twenty-two weeks of labor, and cost the Society $154.

THE TREASURY.

There have been received during the year, $9.302,94, which exceeds the receipts of last year by $3.144,69. The balance on hand at the close of the account last year, was $1.599,87; making the available resources of the Society for the year $10.902,81. Of this sum, $2.798,30, viz: 1.208,92 in donations, and $1.989,38 in legacies, were received for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving

$6.504,64, for the use of this Auxiliary. A surplus of $500 was paid to the Parent Society near the commencement of the year. In addition to this, $1.158,27, of which $415 were legacies, have been paid to the A. H. M. S., which did not pass through our treasury; making in all for the West, $4.456,57; and swelling the whole amount raised in the State during the year for Home Missions to $10.461,21; which is an advance on the sum raised the preceding year of $2.564,71. The whole amount of legacies received during the year is 3.079,38; viz: $700 for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and $2.379,38 for the American Home Missionary Society. By comparing the receipts from dónations only, we find that for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, they are $686,40 more than they were last year, and $1.289,95 more for the general cause than they were last year. That portion of the receipts contributed by the Female Cent Institution is $1.673,95, which is $50,06 less than the receipts from the same source last year; but last year eleven cent societies made two payments, the second payment amounting to $221,16, while this year only seven societies paid twice, the second payment amounting to $96,54, which shows an actual increase of the receipts from the Cent Institution over the receipts of the previous year, of $25,64.

The year just closed has been the banner year in the financial history of New-Hampshire Home Missions. The amount raised for the cause is $505,38 more than ever was raised before in any one year.

The disbursements of the Society during the year have been $8.314,27; leaving a balance on hand at the close of the year, of $2.583,44.

Of this balance, $1000 have been appropriated at this meeting to the American Home Missionary Society.

How much our receipts were affected by the effort made in this State in aid of the Congregational Church Building Fund for the West, or whether they were affected at all, we are unable to state. Though not necessarily a part of our report, yet as that effort will have a direct bearing upon the progress of Home Missions, it seems proper here to announce that the whole sum raised in this State for that fund is $1710,07, which was contributed by seventy-five churches and six individuals.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From the 27th report we learn that the Society employed during the year 1,087 ministers of the gospel, who administered to 2,160 churches and congregations, in 27 different States and Territories of the Union. The aggregate service of these missionaries is 878 years. Not far from 72,500 Sabbath School scholars have been instructed on missionary ground. There were added to the churches during the year 6079, more than half of whom were added on profession. Fifty-six missionaries reported revivals of religion. The number of hopeful conversions reported by 426 missionaries is 2,888. Forty-seven new churches were organized, and 39 churches assumed

the whole support of the ministry. Fifty-four houses of worship were completed, 50 repaired, and 66 in the process of erection. Eighty-nine young men reported to be preparing for the ministry. The receipts of the year were $171.734,24. The progress of the work of Home Missions is indicated by an increase of income upon that of the preceding year, of $11.671,99,—of an increase of 22 missionaries, and of 212 congregations aided, as well as by other facts stated in the report. "The large reinforcement sent out to the Societies' Mission on the Pacific coast, constitute, likewise, a grateful, as it is a most important feature in the advance of the year. The originators of this enterprise were moved by a noble and expansive philanthropy; but as large as were there aims, the purposes of God were still larger,—they meant this Society for America, He meant it for the world."

THE SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

With respect to the pecuniary relations between ministers and their people on our field, we have no authority or desire, as a Missionary Society, to interfere; and yet, inasmuch as the welfare of the Missionary cause is directly affected by the measure of ministerial support afforded on it, it comes within our province, as a subject of remark. That our missionaries as a class are inadequately supported, the following facts, we think, will show. The average salary of the pastors and stated supplies who have been in commission the past year, is $377. This is fourteen per cent. larger than it was ten years ago,—an encouraging indication of a reform in this matter. We are informed by the last report of the Mass. Missionary Society that the average salary of missionaries in that State is $437, which is $60 higher than it is in this State, but that it has made no advance the last ten years. The average amount appropriated by the Missionary Society the past year to the feeble churches that have enjoyed the stated ministrations of the gospel, is $107,50, which is seven per cent. higher than it was ten years ago. This is not far from ¼ and ⅔ of $377, the average salary of their ministers. It may be in point to remark, that considering the difference of circumstances affecting the necessary expense of living, our missionary pastors and stated supplies may be as amply supported as their brethren are who are settled over self-sustaining churches. The average salary paid by these churches, so far can be ascertained, is $502, which is only $125 above the average received by our missionaries. But if we abate all salaries that exceed $600, we find that the average salary paid by the able churches is $452, which is only $75 more than that paid to our missionaries.

Again, if we make an estimate of the average salary paid for the support of the gospel ministry throughout the State, we find that it is $473,—exceeding the average on missionary ground by $96. The aggregate salaries of 166 ministers, or, that the same number of churches have paid their pastors and religious teachers, is $78,575.

These statements cannot be far from the truth, though they may vary somewhat from perfect accuracy.

Now it is assumed that the standard of ministerial support in the State is far below its temporal necessities, and if so, it must be evident, from the facts just stated, that our missionary ministry, so to speak, shares largely in the general suffering. Where, then, does the responsibility of this suffering rest? We refer only to our missionary field. It does not belong to us to discuss the general subject of ministerial support. Who, we ask, will be answerable for the untold evils that arise from this muzzling the "ox that treadeth out the corn?" There is responsibility somewhere. If it could be shown that the churches under the patronage of the Society have so far exerted their ability in the support of the gospel that they have fully met their moral obligations, both in the sight of God and man; and also if it could be shown that the Society has a surplus in its treasury for which there is no demand from other portions of the field, then might the Society be held responsible, but only in case it refused without good reasons to listen to the cry of the needy.

It should be remembered that the Missionary Society is no party in the contracts which churches make with their ministers for their support, except to fulfil the pledges of aid which it makes upon their application. If they conform to the rules by which the Society, in common with every branch of the American Home Missionary Society governs itself in the expenditure of its funds, they generally receive all they ask. To give them more than they ask, even to supply a supposed deficiency in the support of their ministers, would be a most inconsistent and dangerous departure from the great principles of our enterprise, whose wisdom has been tested by long experience. Should the Society refuse to increase its appropriations when it has the means of doing it, and when the applications of the churches furnish the necessary evidence that they have taxed themselves to the utmost of their ability, then might we be justly answerable for an incompetent support of its missionaries,—but such has not been the fact. In most cases of such applications, the Society has increased its grants of aid, while the churches have also taken additional burdens upon themselves.

We come now to notice a few of the evils inflicted on our Home Missionary field by an incompetent support of the ministry.

One is, a movable, temporary ministry. This is, indeed, partly in some instances, and wholly in others, the result of other causes, but the influence of want is of itself a sufficient cause to account for much of the changeable character of our ministry.

Another evil is the decrease of pastors. If we go back ten years in our history, we find that there were thirty pastors and seventeen stated supplies in commission, but now there are only nine ministers who have sustained the pastoral office, while the number of stated supplies has been thirty-one the past year. Two of these pastors have been recently dismissed, leaving only seven pastors now in commission. This decrease of pastors has been more directly the result

of a scanty support of the ministry than of any other cause. Both ministers and churches are becoming more and more unwilling to enter into the obligations of the pastoral office. With such an uncertain prospect before them, ministers who are conscious of their ability to command more permanent positions, naturally decline those that promise little else than a brief and anxious period of labor, and churches as naturally shrink from adding to their perplexities and their burdens. The stated supply system is fast superceding the ancient Puritan custom of a settled ministry, so far as our feeble churches are concerned; and, though in a few cases, ministers are permitted to occupy the same field for a series of years without being settled as pastors, yet all experience proves that the pastoral office is more conducive to a permanent ministry than the relation of a mere hired servant. We know of no remedy to this evil while the causes which produce it remain. While these causes remain, especially while the standard of ministerial support continues below the medium of competency, ministers who enter the missionary service will have "no certain abiding place." Like birds of passage that have lost their course, they will be passing over every point of the compass, not knowing where they will find rest. These evils are followed with another,—a scarcity of competent ministers for the supply of our feeble churches. We have in years past heard much about a surplus of candidates for settlement in the ministry, and there may have been a surplus for a certain class of churches, but our missionary churches have never had occasion for this complaint. Were there ever so many more candidates than there are destitute churches, able to pay a salary of $500 and upwards, the feeble churches in looking to them for a supply of ministers, would probably always be obliged to exclaim, "The laborers are few."

This is a subject of deep interest to the whole Home Missionary community. We have given it only a cursory notice, without attempting much discussion. How far Christians of our denomination in New-Hampshire are responsible for putting the sacred office upon an allowance scarcely equal to the support of ordinary mechanics and farmers, thus subjecting it to a goading solicitude for what it shall eat, and for wherewithal it shall be clothed, is a question for them to decide. We lack no testimony that those who enjoy the administrations of the ministry in spiritual things, do not in their turn administer to it a sufficiency of things carnal. The existence of this fact gives rise to many serious obstacles to the progress of our work. It is the source of some of the most perplexing questions touching the financial operations of the Home Missionary enterprise, subjecting its conductors to numerous surmises and complaints, who have no other alternative than to bear them in silence. If a remedy to the evil in question is ever effectually provided, it must be the result of a deeper sense of the claims of common justice, and of a more pervading spirit in our churches, of personal consecration to Christ and the welfare of his kingdom.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE NOT TO BE NEGLECTED FOR THE SAKE OF THE WEST.

The Home Missionary field is divided into two grand divisions, the East and the West, each possessing its own importance, and presenting its own peculiar claims. With respect to the moral and religious interest of these two divisions, they both stand related to each other, mutually and reciprocally, and they are bound to each other by many ties of common interest. To bestow all our sympathies and our benevolence either upon the East or the West, from the conviction that we are under no obligations to the division we discard, can find no justification in the plea of higher and more important claims. New-Hampshire, as a Home Missionary field, has its own domestic and internal importance, and yet it is not with respect to the West a foreign or an isolated land. The day of New-England's commanding influence in the political affairs of this nation has passed, and yet her moral power upon its character and destiny continues unabated, and will continue so long as our Republic shall stand. Of that power, New-Hampshire will wield no inconsiderable part. From whom will it emanate? If it shall be for good, will it not be the moral power of its Christian people? and will it not have its source among our hills and valleys in the silent influence of a preached gospel, and of religious institutions? Suppose a feeble church, now enjoying the fostering care of this Society in the maintenance of a faithful minister, were to be abandoned for the sake of increasing our appropriations to the West, would such a policy be wise? Its wisdom could not be shown from the experience of the past, nor foreseen by any indications of Divine Providence with respect to its results. It would only be hypothetical or imaginary, and unworthy to become a principle of the Home Missionary enterprise. It is not certain that the expenditure of the funds thus withheld would accomplish a greater amount of good in the West, and it is *certain* that this church and people would be deprived of the blessings of a preached gospel, their Sabbath School disbanded, their congregation dispersed, and the whole community left to a greater or less extent to all the evil influences that have made so large a portion of our State a moral waste. Now suppose all contributors to the cause of Home Missions, whether Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, or Methodists, (for if it is the duty of one denomination it is the duty of all,) to adopt this policy, what would be the consequence? It can be readily conceived. The truth is, however important it may be to plant the institutions of a pure Christianity in the wide regions of the West, and in the rising empire of the Pacific coast, (and no tongue can exaggerate that importance,) it can never justify the suspension of Home Missionary operations in the East, no, not in one solitary instance, where there is a church and people able to enjoy them with a reasonable amount of aid. Such a procedure would be anti-Christian, and a most certain sacrifice of all the dearest welfare of our Father's legacy. The only question to be

settled is, Is it important at all to nurture and endeavor to strengthen the feeble churches of New-Hampshire? Having decided this question in the affirmative, no demands from other sections of the land, however urgent they may be, will justify us in forsaking our own homesteads.

Let our motto be, The East, yea, New-Hampshire, for the sake of the West,—the West and the East together for the sake of the Nation, and the Nation for the sake of the World, and the glory of God.

CONCLUSION.

The circumstances of birth, education, and of social and civil position, make the men of this age and of this nation, as in no other land men are, necessarily responsible for the character and destiny of generations to come. They cannot divest themselves of influence if they would, whether for good or for evil, upon the great body politic. Influence is as much a part of their being as the breath they breathe. This, though a common-place truth, we too little feel. We cannot be human only,—our humanity must be expansive, passing over and entering into the humanity of a multitude of others. Millions that shall live after us will be affected by what we now are. O, that we could be men of God, and for God; then would our words be nails of principle in our national fabric, and our example its ornament. The only character that will secure to us and to the nation any valuable end is that modeled after the pattern of Christ. This will make us a light that cannot be hid,—the salt that will not lose its savor,—a diamond that will glitter in the crown of our national glory. But let us turn to thoughts more particular. While we are moved by a natural affection for kindred and friends, together by a stronger love than that of father or mother, brother or sister, to build up the desolations of New-Hampshire, let the same noble principles impel us forward in the more enlarged work of laying new foundations for our American Zion all over the land. Let not our Home Missionary action be so local as to overlook the great common good, thus failing by its own limitations to reach all the high purposes to which it should ever be directed. Nor let it be so general as to exhaust its energies at the expense of the local. A Home Missionary benevolence that, having first made provision for the necessities which are nearer, and then diverges abroad to those more remote, is the only benevolence that is not contracted nor limited, but liberal, apostolic and Christian.

With such a benevolence, the feebleness and moral wastes in the midst of which we are now assembled,—the triumph of its influence as it glowed in the breasts of those good men who have gone before us, and the stirring developments of this youthful nation, should inspire us. The work it will fit us to do, though short, is yet enduring and glorious, long after we have entered the "joys of our Lord."

In behalf of the Trustees,
BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

SAMUEL FARRINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Cr.		**Dr.**	
To paid appropriations to feeble churches and missionaries,	$3.716,31	By donations, collections, and legacies,....	$8.750,11
To paid donations and legacies to A. H. M. S.,.....	2.798,30	By payments from the permanent fund,.....	370,27
To paid appropriations to A. H. M. S.,.....	500,00	By income of the permanent fund,.....	182,46
To paid permanent fund,.....	469,95	By balance from last year's account,.....	1.599,87
To paid per order of Londonderry Presbytery in pursuance of agreement to Litchfield Pres. Chh.,.....	150,00		$10.902,71
To paid Secretary's and General Agent's salary,*.....	400,00		
To paid Secretary' account for travelling expenses, $50; postage, 18,30; stationery, 9,66; freight, 3,67, and sundry expenses, 15,19,.....	96,82		
To paid Treasurer's salary,.....	40,00		
To paid Treasuress of Cent Institution,.....	15,00		
To paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports,.....	127,89		
To balance on hand, charged to new account,.....	2.588,44		
	$10.902,71		

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the account of SAMUEL FARRINGTON, Treasurer of the N. H. Missionary Society, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched; showing a balance in the Treasury of two thousand five hundred and eighty-eight $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, ($2.588,44.)

ARTHUR FLETCHER, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 17, 1853.

* The Secretary is General Agent of the N. H. Missionary Society, and also of the American Home Missionary Society. He receives $900 from the latter Society, making his salary $600. He is now Treasurer of the N. H. Missionary Society, and will perform the duties of that office without additional charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 15, 1853.

Acworth—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Lucinda E. Wright L. M., $30; Mrs. Hannah Weare, $5,58, . . $35,58

Alstead—New Cong. Church and Society, ... 15,16

Amherst—Benevolent Association, for the A. H. M. S., $51,98; Aaron Lawrence L. M. of the A. H. M. S., $30, ... 81,98

Andover—Rev. N. Howard, ... 3,00

Antrim—Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., $13,47; do. for the A. H. M. S., $2, 15,47

Auburn—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Amanda M. Holmes L. M., $28; Miss Apphia Hoyt, $5, ... 33,00

Bath—Cong. Church and Soc., to constitute Rev. Thos. Boutelle, L. M., 30,00

Bedford—Pres. Church and Society, $82,15; John French, to constitute his son, J. O. French, L. M., $30,00; Blanchard Nichols, L. M., $30, ... 142,15

Bennington—Cong. Church and Society, ... 18,00

Bethlehem—Cong. Church and Society, ... 17,00

Boscawen East—Cong. Church and Society, $21,64; Enoch Gerrish L. M. of A. H. M. S., $30; A Friend, $10, ... 61,64

Boscawen West—Home Missionary Society, $28,57; Mrs. Apphia C. Little, L. M., $30, ... 58,57

Bradford—Cong. Church and Society, in full to constitute Mrs. Abigail Colby L. M., $14,65; Rev. Daniel Goodhue, in full L. M., $10, 24,65

Bristol—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Rev. Joseph Garland L. M., ... 26,64

Brookline—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Asher Shattuck L. M., $26,88; Calvin R. Shedd, to constitute in part his daughter, Emily T. Shedd L. M. of A. H. M. S., $9, . 35,88

Chester—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Dea. Thomas Melvin L. M., $40; J. W. Noyes, in part to constitute his daughter, Nancy S. A. Noyes, L. M., $10, ... 50,00

Candia—Cong. Church and Society, ... 54,00

Campton—Cong. Church and Society, $10,38; David Bartlett, for the A. H. M. S., $3; also, an independence offering for the A. H. M. S., $2, ... 15,38

Centre-Harbor—Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,85

Canterbury—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,74

Claremont—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Rev. R. F. Lawrence L. M., ... 23,82

Charlestown—Cong. Church and Society, ... 18,00

Concord—First Cong. Church and Society subscription, $88,41; collection, $9,61; Monthly Concert, $18; Dea. J. Moulton, an. sub., $2; Doct. L. Peabody, an. sub., $2; Dea. Benj. Farnum and wife, in part to constitute their son, Charles H. Farnum, L. M., $5; Mrs. Charlotte Woolson, in part to constitute her daughter, Charlotte, L. M., $5; Mrs. E. Bradley, in part to constitute her son, Moses H. Bradley, L. M., $5; Robert Davis and wife, in part to constitute Mrs. Rebecca Davis L. M. of A. H. M. S., $6, ... 141,02

Concord, East—Cong. Church and Society, $5; Mellen C. Eastman, L. M., $5; Jane A. Eastman, L. M., $5; Lucinda B. Eastman, L. M., $5, ... 20,00

Concord, South—Cong. Church and Society, $34; Nathan Stickney and wife, in part to constitute Charles R. Green L. M., $10; Mrs. Mary Farrington, $2; Samuel Farrington, $5; Benj. P. Stone and wife, in part to constitute Samuel Leroy Farrington L. M., $10, ... 61,00

Concord, West—Cong. Church and Society, $9,62; Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, in full L. M., $22, ... 31,62

Cornish—Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,97

Conway—Z. Cutler, ... 3,00

Croydon—Cong. Church and Society, $12,86; Mrs. Abigail Metcalf, avails of gold beads, $1,80, ... 14,66

Derry—First Church and Society, to constitute Rev. J. W. Wellman L. D. of A. H. M. S., ... 100,00

Dover—Cong. Church and Society, ... 134,75

Dublin—Cong. Church and Society, ... 5,00

Dunbarton—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,50

Durham—Cong. Church and Society, ... 34,60

Epping—Cong. Church and Society, ... 16,85

Fisherville—J. C. M., $5; Mrs. — Howes, L. M., $10, ... 15,00

Fitzwilliam—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Rev. A. Jenkins L. M., ... 33,28

Francestown—Cong. Church and Society, $58,77; widow Lucy Hopkins, 2, 60,77

Franklin—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,12

Great-Falls—Cong. Church and Society, ... 39,02

Gilmanton I. W.—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,15

Gilsum—Cong. Church and Society, ... 16,00

Goffstown—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,61

Greenfield—Evangelical Church and Society, $5; Doct. Sam'l Fitch, $5, 10,00

Greenland—Cong. Church and Society, ... 16,74

Goshen—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Rev. H. Richardson L. M., ... 14,00

Groton—Daniel Cummings, in part to constitute his daughter, Alice Tilton, L. M., $5; Cong. Church and Society, $3,75, . 8,75

Hanover—Dart. Coll. Church, in full to constitute Rev. John Richards L. M., $27,56; also, for the A. H. M. S., $5, one of which for Oregon Mission; Rev. John Richards' an. sub., $2; Mrs. Frances Moody, $1, ... 35,56

Harrisville—Ladies' Benevolent Society, in full to constitute Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle L. M., $10; Lovell Harris, L. M. of A. H. M. S., $5; Cong. Church and Society, $22,53, ... 37,53

Hebron—Cong. Church and Society, $5; a friend, $2, ... 7,00

Henniker—Cong. Church and Soc., $21,50; also, for the A. H. M. S., $88, 109,50

Haverhill—Cong. Church and Society, in full to constitute John Leverett Merrill L. M., and Hon. Charles R. Morrison L. M., . . 71,00

Hill—Cong. Church and Society, $2,30; Mrs. Nancy Shaw, in full to constitute Mrs. Nancy J. Sawyer L. M., $28, ... 30,30

Hillsboro' Bridge—In full to constitute Dea. Nathaniel Taylor L. M., . 4,48

Hillsboro' Centre—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,84

Hinsdale—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,00

Hollis—Cong. Church and Society, $67; also, for the A. H. M. S., $40; Benevolent Association, for the A. H. M. S., $79,86, . . 186,86

Hooksett—Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,77

Hopkinton—Cong. Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S., receipt sent the Treasurer from the Treasurer of the A. H. M. S., . . 84,50

Hudson—Cong. Church and Society, ... 9,75

Keene—Gent. collec., $42,50; Ladies' Heshbon Society, $57; five monthly concerts, $26,05; Wm. Torrence, $10; Doct. Daniel Adams, in part to constitute Mrs. Asa Kendall, of Mont-Vernon, L. M., $15; Dr. D. Smith, L. M., $5; Mrs. Eliza P. Hastings L. M., $5; Samuel Town, 2d, L. M., $5, ... 165,55

Langdon—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,00

Lebanon—Cong. Church and Society, $17; dying gift of Rev. S. M. Stone, $5; Cong. Church and Society, August, $23, . . 45,00
Lebanon, West—Cong. Church and Society, in full ($9) to constitute Rev. Rufus Case L. M.; the balance in part to constitute Mrs. Eliza Richardson L. M. 29,00
Littleton—Cong. Church and Society, $10; Abijah Allen and wife, an. sub., $4; Sylvester Balch, for the A. H. M. S., $10, . . 24,00
Lempster—Cong. Church and Society, $7,63; Daniel Wheeler, in part to constitute his son, D. B. Wheeler, L. M., $20, . . 27,63
Londonderry—Pres. Church and Society, ... 17,76
Lyme—Cong. Church and Society, $95; Rev. E. Tenney, in part to constitute his son, Roger M. Tenney, L. M. of A. H. M. S., $10, 105,00
Manchester—First Cong. Church and Society, $154; Dea. Moses Noyes L. M., $30, ... 184,00
Mason Centre—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,20
Mason Village—Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Marshall Kendall L. M., ... 16,75
Marlboro'—Cong. Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S., $18; individuals, for A. H. M. S., $7, ... 25,00
Meriden—Cong. Church and Society, $54,50; Aug., $69,31, . . 123,81
Meredith Bridge—Cong. Church and Society, ... 4,50
Meredith Village—Cong. Church and Society, $13; Mrs. Susan H. Sanborn, an. sub., $2, ... 15,00
Mont-Vernon—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Dea. George E. Dean L. M., 49; John Bruce, 2d instal. L. M., $10; Timothy Kitttredge, 3d instal. for daughter, Mary E. Kittredge, L. M., $5; Mrs. A. E. Starret, 2d instal. to constitute L. M., $10, ... 74,00
Merrimack—Cong. Church and Society, $43; a friend, $2, . . . 45,00
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge, an. sub., ... 2,00
New-Castle—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,00
Newport—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Rev. Henry Cummings L. M., ... 38,00
North-Hampton—Cong. Church and Society, ... 4,89
Orford, East—A friend, ... 2,00
Orford, West—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Rev. Ira Case L. M. of A. H. M. S., ... 33,63
Ossipee—Cong. Church and Society, $20; L. D. Sawyer, Esq., Life Director of the A. H. M. S., $10 (in part,) . . . 30,00
Paper-Mill Village—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10,30
Pembroke—Cong. Church and Society, $14,33; Rev. Abel Manning, to constitute his wife, Mrs. Mary Manning, L. M. of the A. H. M. S., $30; a friend, for the A. H. M. S., $30, . . . 74,33
Pelham—Cong. Church and Society, ... 23,24
Pittsfield—Cong. Church and Society, $35,41; Rev. Moses H. Wells, in full to constitute his daughter, Clara E. Wells, L. M. of A. H. M. S., $10; Mrs. Ann C. Berry in full L. M. of the A. H. M. S, $5; R. S. French, in part to constitute his daughter L. M., $5; Thomas Berry, 3d, $50, to be invested as a permanent fund, and 50 for his deceased wife, for the same purpose, ... 155,41
Plainfield—Cong. Church and Society, ... 12,00
Plymouth—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute Daniel C. Webster L. M., $30,85; Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, in part to constitute his nephew, Wm. Tucker, L. M., $6; Wm. W. Russell, in part to constitute his daughter, Ellen, L. M., $10; James McQueston, in part to constitute his daughter, Caroline, L. M., $5, 51,85
Portsmouth—North Cong. Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S., $61; Gentlemen and Ladies' Association, $156, . . . 217,00
Raymond—Cong. Church and Society, two coll., ... 23,59
Rindge—Cong. Church and Society, $18,37; Mr. Riggs, $1; Ladies' Home Missionary Society, $33,46; J. B. Breed, in part to constitute his daughter, Miranda Breed, L. M., $10, . . 62,83

Rye—A friend, ... 5,00
Salem—Cong. Church and Society, ... 12,50
Salisbury—Cong. Church and Society, $18,27; avails of scales sold, ,50, 18,77
Sanbornton—Cong. Church and Society, $17,35; Mrs. Sarah C. Gerrish, 2, 19,35
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. Church and Society, $14; Rev. Corban Curtice, $5; both in full to constitute J. L. Connor and J. Whittier L. M.'s, ... 19,00
Seabrook and Hampton-Falls—Cong. Church and Society, . . . 13,00
South-Merrimack—Individual, in part to constitute Rev. S. H. Tolman, L. M. 5,00
South-Newmarket—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,00
Swanzey—Cong. Church and Society, ... 14,29
Sullivan—Cong. Church and Society, ... 21,44
Tamworth—Individuals, ... 5,57
Temple—Cong. Church and Society, ... 20,00
Troy—Cong. Church and Society, $19; Dea. Abel Baker, L. M. of A. H. M. S., $30, ... 49,00
Wakefield—Two collections, ... 26,00
Warner—Cong. Church and Society, ... 22,56
Wentworth—Cong. Church and Society, ... 8,00
Westmoreland—Mrs. Lucinda Snow, ... 5,00
Westmoreland—Second Cong. Church and Society, ... 6,50
Wilmot—Cong. Church and Society, ... 9,00
Windham—Pres. Church and Society, ... 40,74
Wolfborough—Cong. Church and Society, $17; Ladies' Benevolent Society, $5,80; Rev. N. Barber, an. sub., $2, ... 24,80
Wolfborough, North—In part to constitute Rev. Stephen Merrill L. M., $4; Rev. S. Merrill, $1, ... 5,00

LEGACIES.

Acworth—Legacy of Mrs. Hannah B. Perham, for the A. H. M. S., . $12,50
Concord, West—Legacy of Miss Susan Dow, for the A. H. M. S., . 140,86
Dublin—Legacy of Mrs. E. Richardson, to constitute Rev. Daniel McClenning L. M., ... 30,00
Greenfield—Legacy of Bethiah Raynolds, ... 25,00
Hancock—Legacy of Lucy Goodhue, ... 20,00
Litchfield—Legacy in part of Mary O. Miltemore, for the A. H. M. S., 1,500,00
Lyndeborough—Legacy of Pamelia Cressey, for the A. H. M. S., . . 87,00
Nashua—Legacy of Sarah Carleton, ... 500,00
Rindge—Legacy of Miss Hannah Adams, for the A. H. M. S., . . 249,02
Sullivan County—Legacy of a friend, ... 25,00
Washington—Legacy of Ward Samson, ... 100,00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, ... 1.673,95
From the Permanent Fund, ... 370,27
Income of the Permanent Fund, ... 182,46
Interest on money loaned, ... 11,70
Rev. Benj. P. Stone, for supplying a pulpit, ... 5,00
Merrimack County Conference of Churches, ... 29,12
General Association at Pittsfield, ... 26,74
Balance in the Treasury, Aug. 15, 1853, ... 1.599,87

RECAPITULATION.

Counties.	Collections.	Cent Money.	Legacies.	Totals.
Rockingham,	$629,07	$290,06		$919,13
Strafford,	207,62	137,92		345,54
Belknap,	71,85	73,15		145,00
Carroll,	96,37	107,98		204,35
Merrimack,	1.014,64	307,22	140,86	1.462,82
Hillsborough,	973,52	391,04	1,132,00	3.496,56
Cheshire,	449,26	89,06	304,02	842,34
Sullivan,	334,47	94,86	112,50	541,83
Grafton,	571,64	182,67		754,31
Totals,	4.348,50	1.673,95	2.689,38	8711,87
		Received from other sources, . .		591,07
				$9.302,94

The Treasurer's account closes on the 15th of August.

PERMANENT FUND.

The Permanent Fund is invested as follows:

Twenty Shares in Concord Railroad, cost	1.090,00
Two Shares in Concord Gas Light Company, . . .	100,00
Note, signed by Treasurer of Manchester Missionary Society, secured by mortgage on Missionary Chapel, . . .	288,00
Note, signed by Luke A. Spofford, ...	250,00
Legacy of Sherman Rossiter, Claremont, in care of a Trustee appointed by said Rossiter, ...	200,00
One Slip in Congregational Meeting-House, Stratham, . .	50,00
In the hands of the Treasurer, ...	4,37
	$1.982,37

The pew in the meeting-house at Stratham, and the note against Mr. Spofford, are of uncertain value and income. No income has been received from the pew.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of the Society shall be to assist Churches and Congregations that are unable to support the Gospel Ministry, and to send Missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of Home Missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, to be chosen annually, and nine Trustees, to be chosen triennially, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot; and the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, shall be trustees ex-officio.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the eldest man of the Trustees present, to preside in all meetings of the Society and of the Trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and of the Trustees,—to keep a true record of the transactions of the Society, and of the Trustees,—to fill out Commissions for Missionaries, and Certificates of Life Members,—to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Trustees, and to make an annual report to the Society of the proceedings of the Trustees, and of their Executive Committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society, to lease or convey by deed any real estate belonging to the Society, when directed by the Trustees or their Executive Committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the Treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the Society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the Trustees or their Committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the Executive Committee, to make appropriations of money,—to appoint Missionaries, sound, pious, able and discreet men,—to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the Society, and to make through the Secretary an Annual Report of their doings to the Society. Immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Society, they shall appoint an Executive Committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, to fill its own vacancies from the Trustees, or vacancies in the Board of Officers, which may occur between the annual meetings of the Society,—to appoint Missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the Trustees.

ART. 8. The Society shall meet annually on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and place as the Society may have appointed at a preceding annual meeting.

ART. 9. Any person may become a Member of this Society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a Life Member by paying thirty dollars; and every Member, except Life Members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify in writing a desire to withdraw. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the Society. All male Life Members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the Society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the Gospel statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an Agent of the Society, to invite the attention of his hearers at least once a year to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its Treasurer or its authorized Agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the Society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the Constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, besides having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the Trustees.

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Merrimack,	June, July.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.	Dec., Jan.	Feb., Mar.	April, May.
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Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.	Feb., Mar.	April, May.	June, July	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Nov.
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† Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

TO THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC.

To meet the convenience of contributors to the cause of Home Missions, and at the same time to gratify the wishes of all such as may desire to direct the manner in which their contributions shall be expended, the undersigned deem it proper to make the following notice:

1. By the terms on which the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, all the concerns of the National Society in this State are conducted through the State Society, while all the expenditures of the State Society, out of the State of New-Hampshire, are expected to be made through the National Society. It is therefore requested that all the contributors to the object of Home Missions from individuals and churches in this State, whether designed to be expended in or out of the State, be made directly to the treasury of the State Society.

2. Should contributions be made for specific purposes, such as to constitute the donor a Member or Director for life of the American Home Missionary Society, or to be applied to the support of Missionaries in the Western and Southern States, the contributors are expected to make known their wishes to the Treasurer of the State Society, on paying over their donations, and the amount will be forwarded to the Parent Society, or retained in the State, as the donor shall direct.

3. All persons residing in this State, who may wish to make legacies or bequests, or donations of real estate, to the American Home Missionary Society, are desired to make them directly to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, directing them to pay the amount or the avails of the same to the Treasurer for the time being of the American Home Missionary Society in the city of New-York, for the purposes specified by the testators or donors.

ABSALOM PETERS, *Cor. Sec. of the A. H. M. S.*
JOHN H. CHURCH, *President of the N. H. M. S.*

The above agreement was formed in 1832, and is still in force.

Erratum. Page 27, under "Legacies," for $1.132,00, read $2.132,00.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Derry, First Church, August 24, 1854—the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. JOSEPH CLARK, D. D., of Boston. Extracts from the Annual Report of the Trustees were read by the Secretary. On motion of Rev. WINTHROP FIFIELD, of South New-Market, the Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed. The Society was then addressed by the Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, of the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, and by Rev. DANIEL P. NOYES, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

The following Officers were then chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. NATH'L BOUTON, D. D., Concord, *President.*
Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, D. D., Hanover, *V. Pres't.*
Rev. BENJ. P. STONE, D. D., Concord,
Secretary and *Treasurer.*
L. D STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees.

Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett, Manchester.
Rev. Henry E. Parker, Concord.
Rev. William R. Jewett, Plymouth.

Trustees elected in 1853.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Hillsborough Bridge.
Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Concord.
Rev. A. W. Burnham, Rindge.

Trustees elected in 1852.

Rev. John K. Young, Meredith Bridge.
Rev. Sereno T. Abbot, Seabrook.
Rev. Timothy G. Brainard, Londonderry.

The Agent having signified to the Trustees his determination no longer to serve them in the capacity of an Agent, the following Preamble and Resolution were presented, and adopted unanimously:

Whereas the Rev. BENJAMIN P. STONE has signified his purpose to withdraw from the joint agency of the New-Hampshire and American Home Missionary Society—therefore,

Resolved, That this Society entertain a deep sense of the value of the services rendered by Rev. Mr. Stone, and hereby express to him our thanks for the diligent, laborious and faithful manner with which he has discharged the duties of his agency during the period of seventeen years.

Upon the recommendation of the Trustees it was

Voted, To amend the 8th article of the Constitution, so as to give the Executive Committee power to call a meeting of the Society for business, at some hour previous to the public Anniversary.

Adjourned *sine die*—

BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

UPON this, the Fifty-Third Anniversary of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, it becomes the duty of the Trustees to present their Annual Report. In doing this, they would call the attention of the Society to the statistics of the ministers who have been in their employ, and of the churches they have aided, to the account of the short missions performed, to the state of the treasury, and to some other matters of general interest, observing the usual order of topics.

Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of com.	Amount of Aid.	Church Members.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals, &c.	S. S. Pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
1. ALTON, Warren Bigelow, *M.*	Mar. 25, 1854	1¼	42	9			5			55		
2. ANDOVER, Rev. N. Howard, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1854	12	100	21	1	2		3		75	7 50	12 00
3. BETHLEHEM, Rev. D. McClenning, *P.*	Dec. 21, 1853	6	75	31			3		2	100	25 00	19 00
4. BRADFORD, Rev. Carey Russell, *s. s.*	Nov. 12, 1853	12	100	51						40	22 00	1 41
5. BROOKLINE, Rev. D. Goodwin, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1854	12	75	75			1			130	38 15	54 25
6. CHARLESTOWN, Rev. W. Wright, *P.*	Nov. 10, 1853	12	150	57	1	1	9	1	4	50	29 37	28 17
7. CANAAN, Rev. M. Gerould, *s. s.*	Aug. 20, 1853	12	200	33	1	1	7			90	9 00	
8. CENTRE-HARBOR, Rev. A. Benson, *P.*	Sept. 1, 1854	12	100	44	1	2				60	29 80	20 00
9. DANBURY,				31								
10. DEERING, Rev. James W. Perkins, *s. s.*	June 12, 1854	12	100	35						50		
11. DUBLIN, Rev. — Jewett, *s. s.*	Dec. 22, 1853	3	28	46						60		
Rev. Geo. S. Kemp, *s. s.*	June 1854											
12. DORCHESTER, Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	April 12, 1854	6	75	17		1	2			20		
13. ENFIELD, Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	April 12, 1854	6	75	17						100	3 00	
14. EPPING, Rev. L. White, *P.*	Sept. 12, 1853	12	150	51						90	57 68	79 44
15 FARMINGTON, Rev. D. B. Tappan, *s. s.*	Oct. 24, 1853	10	100	24						70	26 00	
16. FRANCONIA, Rev. D. McClenning, *P.*	Dec. 21, 1853	6	75	14			2			75	7 00	
17. GILSUM, Rev. E. Adams, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1854	12	75	44	2				1	75	27 24	40 96
18. GORHAM, M. J. Collie, *M.*	March, 1854	1¼	42									
19. GOSHEN, Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.*	March, 1854	12	50	51	1		1		2	58	14 35	20 00
20. GROTON, Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	Mar. 10, 1854	6	62½	28	1	1				65	5 00	
21. HEBRON, Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	Mar. 10, 1854	6	62½	27						130		
22. HOOKSETT, Rev. Wm. A. Forbes, *s. s.*	June 1, 1854	12	100	36				1	1	73	22 00	35 00

REMARKS.

1. A new house of worship has been erected. The prospects are encouraging, provided the means of grace can be established. (See *Short Missions.*) A young man from Andover has received a call.

2. Mr. Howard preaches in different parts of the town. Some improvement is reported. A greater number attend public worship.

3. Mr. McClenning is dismissed on account of ill health. Prospects of the church more encouraging.

4. There has been some improvement since Mr. Russell commenced his labors.

5. The Missionary has had a day of trial the past year, but has been sustained. No special interest is reported.

6. Nothing of special interest reported.

7. Bible class of 18 to 25 males, and Sabbath Schools have been commenced in remote districts, consisting of about 150 scholars. This is a large and laborious field, as it always was.

8. No special change. A sad providence has deprived the society of one of its most liberal supporters; but the Lord has been better to them "than their fears.

9. Building a house of worship. Destitute.

10. After several years of independence, this church is reduced to the necessity of again asking for aid. The wealth of Deering needs sanctification.

11. This people are struggling against many obstacles to their progress.

12. Mr. P. labors with this people one half of the time.

13. Mr. P. now labors here only half of the time. Prospects dark.

14. Mr. White has been settled pastor of the church. There is an advance in this place, and there is much to encourage the friends of the cause.

15. This church has assumed the whole support of the gospel.

16. Pastor dismissed on account of ill health. There has been but little advance in the condition of things.

17. Nothing of special interest has occurred during the year, except that the church has asked $25 less paid them than in years past.

18. Mr. Collie reports that there is much moral waste in this place and region. See "*Short Missions.*"

19. Some increase of the congregation.

20. No special change in the state of things.

21. The large size of the Sabbath School is owing to the union of different denominations. Mr. C. divides his labors between this town and Groton.

22. Things have improved; the congregation has increased, and a more serious attention to the word prevails.

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23. HUDSON, Rev. D. L. French, *s. s.*	Nov. 6, 1853	12	125	70	1					75	18 14	
24. JEFFERSON MILLS, Rev. T. Hall, *s. s.*	May 1, 1853	6	75							50		
25. LANGDON, Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.*	Mar. 13, 1853	12	125	42			1	1	1	90	16 00	20 00
26. LEE, Mr. E. B. Chamberlain, *M.*	March, 1854	1½	42							75		
27. LOUDON VILLAGE, Rev. C. Willey, *s. s.*	April 10, 1854	12	65	44				1	1	80	22 81	44 62
28. MANCHESTER CITY, Rev. T. P. Sawin, *P.*	April 1, 1854	12	150	35	11	7	1	1	2	171		
29. MASON, Rev. J. L. Arms, *s. s.*	March 1, 1854	12	100	106	5	3	3		5	75	16 94	34 61
30. MEREDITH-VILLAGE, Rev. G. Leach, *P.*	Nov. 28, 1853	12	100	81	15	6				70	2 00	
31. MERRIMACK SOUTH, Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	May 28, 1854	12	100	46	12	4		2		50	21 68	3 50
32. MOULTONBOROUGH, Rev. J. B. Cooke, *P.*	Jan. 4, 1854	12	100	77						50	22 63	
Rev. W. Willey, *M.*	Oct. 14, 1852	1	28									
33. NEW-CASTLE, Rev. L. Alden, *s. s.*	April 1, 1854	12	100	32	1	1	2			180		5 00
34. OSSIPEE CORNER, Rev. H. Wood, *M.*	June 1, 1854	1½	42	7						60	12 00	10 00
35. PAPER-MILL VILLAGE, Rev. Benj. Ober, *s. s.*	May 1, 1854	12	150	30						60	11 00	11 52
Rev. Geo. T. Kemp.	May 28, 1853	12	150									
36. PLAINFIELD, Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.*	Oct. 1, 1853	12	100	6	33		1			30	20 00	31 00
37. ROXBURY, Rev. S. H. Tolman, *s. s.*	March 9, 1853	12	10	32						30		
38. SHELBURNE, Rev. D. Goodhue, *s. s.*	Aug. 14, 1853	12	50	4						40	10 00	10 00
39. SOUTH-NEWMARKET, Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.*	Feb. 15, 1854	12	125	27						50	30 00	48 37
40. STEWARTSTOWN, Rev. John Wooster, *s. s.*	Aug. 1, 1853	6	65	28		3				50	12 53	6 23
41. SALEM, Rev. W. Page, *s. s.*	Dec. 1, 1853	12	100	58	6	6	4	3	5	118	23 56	17 45
42. TUFTONBOROUGH, Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 13, 1853			23				2			6 00	
43. WAKEFIELD, Rev. N. Barker, *s. s.*	July 4, 1853	12	100	38			1	1	1	40	23 00	
44. WARNER, Rev. H. O. Howland, *P.*	Aug. 1, 1853	12	100	125	1	5	5	2	4	100	31 04	47 06

REMARKS.

23. There is nothing of special interest reported.

24. Mr. Hall is not now in commission.

25. Mr. J. left at the close of his mission. The statistics were reported by him. No report since he left.

26. See "*Short Missions.*"

27. There has been more contributed to benevolent objects than in past years. Eight members of the church are non-residents.

28. This enterprise seems to be accomplishing much good for that portion of the population for whose benefit it is designed.

29. "The church and society now seem to be more permanently established," says the return, "than it has been since the division of the church." The venerable senior pastor, Rev. E. Hill, has died within the year.

30. The pastor was dismissed in June. There was a season of some religious interest during the last of autumn and winter. The church is now destitute. They are repairing their house of worship.

31. There was considerable religious interest here last winter, which has given a more favorable aspect to the church and society.

32. Mr. C. has been dismissed. The church has been supplied only a part of the time. Prospects rather dark.

33. The missionary reports that there is a gradual progress in this ancient parish.

34. There are seven members of churches residing here, but there is no organized church. It is an important missionary field.

35. Mr. Ober commenced his labors in May. He reports no particular change in the state of things.

36. Some increase of the congregation. We hope for a more encouraging state of things in this place.

37. Mr. T. left at the close of his commission. Church now destitute.

38. Mr. G. labors in S. one half of the time. He reports that there are some encouraging things, but no particular religious interest.

39. Outward prosperity prevails. The people are making efforts to procure a parsonage. Two young men are preparing for the ministry.

40. Mr. W. left the field at the close of his commision. The church is now destitute.

41. Some religious interest in the autumn. External prosperity has been enjoyed.

42. Mr. Merrill has preached one fourth of the time hitherto here, but now preaches all the time at North Wolfborough. The state of things is dark and discouraging.

43. This church has been afflicted with the loss of one of its most able members. Their house of worship is being repaired.

44. This is the largest church on our list. Nothing special reported.

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45. WASHINGTON, Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	July 1, 1854	12	125	40	2	2		1	2	70	7 50	
46. WILMOT, Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*	June 1, 1854	12	100	78			2		1	75	2 00	4 00
47. WOLFBOROUGH, Rev. N. Barber, *P.*	April 4, 1854	12	100	48		2	1			100	24 00	30 00
48. WOLFBOROUGH, NORTH, Rev. A. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 13, 1854	12	200	57	11	2			1	80	15 00	
49. SANDWICH,				17						90		

REMARKS.

45. This church has been severely afflicted by the death of its only deacon. The people have otherwise been tried.

46. The interests of this church suffer from the want of some central place of worship wholly under their own control. Some improvement is manifest.

47. Some revival last winter. Outward prosperity prevails.

48. During the fall and winter there was more than usual attention to religion. There are two Sabbath Schools, one at the meeting-house, and one in a remote district.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries.

There have been in commission during a part or whole of the year 46 missionaries; of whom 11 were pastors, 30 stated supplies, and 5 were missionaries for a few weeks each. Four have labored in two congregations each, and forty-one have confined their labors to one congregation each, except two, who labored a part of their time on fields not missionary ground. During the year two have been settled pastors, and three pastors have been dismissed. Three have changed their locations on the field, two have retired from it, and six new commissions have been issued.

Churches and Congregations.

The whole number of Churches and Congregations that have enjoyed the aid of the Society during the year is 49. Four congregations contain no organized churches, viz., Lee, Jefferson Mills, Gorham, and Ossipee Corner. The church in Farmington has not renewed its application for aid. The church in Deering has again been taken under patronage, and also the church in New-Castle. The former had been independent for several years—the latter only one year. The churches in Bennington, Danbury, Hill, New-Market and Farmington, mentioned in our last report, have not been under patronage the past year. Bennington is supplied at their own expense. New-Market and Farmington have become independent, as before stated, and Danbury and Hill are destitute. The church in Dorchester is now supplied one half of the time, after a long season of destitution. One church—the church in Alton—has been revived by the addition of 5 members. It had been reduced to 4 females.

Statistics of the Churches, &c.

There have been added to the churches aided during the year, 50 by profession and 52 by letter—in all 102. The removals were 19 by death, and 31 by letter and exclusion—in all, 50: net gain, 52. The whole number of members connected with 44 churches is 1774, less than one third of whom are males. Thirty-seven churches have contributed $665.25 to Home Missions, and $606.65 to other objects: in all, $1271.90. The Sabbath Schools embrace 3355 pupils.

Tract Distribution.

By the liberality of the American Tract Society at Boston, $62

worth of Tracts have been drawn by the Secretary on that Society in favor of our missionaries, who have distributed them on their several fields of labor.

The Moral and Religious State of the Field.

Very little is said by the Missionaries in their reports respecting the cause of temperance; but we are happy to state, from observation and information derived from various sources, that the cause on the whole stands better than it did a year ago. In a few instances the liquor traffic has been almost entirely suppressed, and in no instance do we learn that the zeal and efforts of the friends of temperance have abated. During the autumn and winter there were more than ordinary seasons of religious interest enjoyed by the churches in Meredith Village, Salem, South Merrimack, Wolfborough and North Wolfborough. The number of hopeful conversions reported by 17 missionaries is 81. Though the year past has not been one of general attention to the concerns of the soul in our missionary congregations, and though in many of them it has been marked with worldliness and spiritual decline, yet we have evidence that it has been upon the whole a year of more encouraging religious feeling than were the few years preceding. The reports, for the most part, speak of increasing congregations, and of an increased attention to the preached word. What is wanted, we apprehend, to make our churches bud and blossom as the rose, is a more pungent application of divine truth, greater fidelity on the part of the churches in the use of means, and more faith and importunity in prayer. These are the appointed conditions of the special gifts of the Holy Spirit, without which all will come to desolation.

Short Missions.

Three young men, members of the Senior Class, Andover, were commissioned to spend their Spring vacation among the destitute in our field. Mr. Warren Bigelow was sent to Alton, J. Collie to Gorham and vicinity, and E. B. Chamberlain to Lee. These missionaries were well received by the people among whom they labored, and we trust they have left an influence for the cause of truth which will not soon be effaced. Mr. Bigelow reports that five persons were added to the little remnant of a church in Alton. The new house of worship, spoken of in our last report, has been completed and dedicated. It is a neat and substantial edifice, and we hope will soon be filled with people. Whether the enterprise in this place will be crowned with success, will depend upon the establishment of a faithful ministry, and especially upon the blessing of God upon the means employed. Those who are interested in it have made uncommon efforts and sacrifices to lay the foundations of religious order and worship, and they need the sympathies, prayers, and cordial support of the christian community.

With respect to Lee, Mr. Chamberlain makes an interesting report

of his mission; but as it is similar to the reports we have had from our missionaries to that town in years past, quotations are not important. Mr. Collie was sent to a field entirely new, or which has not, at least by the missionaries of this Society, been traversed for many years. We make the following extracts from his report:

"Gorham derives its chief importance from being a railroad station, where cars and engines are repaired. All the trains stop here and take in wood and water, or exchange engines. There is also a large hotel for the accommodation of persons visiting the mountains during the warm weather. This house is well filled for some three months in the summer. Two of the most wealthy and worthy families in the place favor the orthodox faith, though there is not a member of a Congregational church in the place. There are three or four persons who have belonged to the Methodists, and about half a dozen who were members of a Free-Will Baptist church which existed here several years ago. But few of these are now living as becomes the children of God. Only one man is known to the community as a praying man. There are several families of Universalists. Occasionally a Methodist or Baptist minister will preach here in the summer; but there has been no regular religious service here for several years, except that some two years ago a Methodist minister spent nine months at this place and Berlin Falls, five miles further up the river. The place seems to have been given up by the Methodists and Baptists. Intemperance and Sabbath-breaking are very prevalent. There is no religious society. The people are not bound together by any religious interest. Perhaps this is true of them in other respects. They are isolated from one another. There is no important interest which brings them together, or causes them to act in concert. There is no leader among them. A Sabbath School was established last Spring by an Agent of the American Sabbath School Union, but was soon closed on account of the indifference of those to whose charge it had been committed. I found the school-house entirely unfit to hold meetings in, and obtained the use of a hall used as a ball room. The people talk of building a meeting-house, and probably will do so in the course of a year or two.

"The place has been growing in importance since the Railroad reached it, and will continue to increase for some time to come. I have visited the people considerably, and always met with a kind reception. The Tracts which you were so good as to send, I trust will be the means of accomplishing much good. I have reörganized the Sabbath School, and hope that it is on a more firm foundation than before. At Berlin Falls a stirring little village has sprung up during the past year. They are there making preparations for a very extensive business in lumber. The state of things there is very much the same as in this place, except that there is not so much rum-drinking. I preached there one Sabbath. At both places the permanent settlers are anxious to have a minister come and settle among them, and would be willing to do something for his support. These two places

form, as it seems to me, a very important field for ministerial labor, and it is constantly increasing in importance. It is now entirely vacant. It is indeed a hard field; but I do believe that if a prudent and faithful minister of the gospel should be sent here, he would be the means of accomplishing a great work for Christ, and of reforming and elevating society, though he might have to labor some time before he saw the desired results."

The Rev. Worcester Willey performed a mission of seven weeks, four of which were at the expense of the Society at Moultonborough and Sandwich.

The amount of labor performed by these missionaries is twenty-two weeks, and cost the Society $154.00.

The Treasury.

The balance on hand at the close of the last account was $2588.44. The receipts of the year have been $6135.33, making the available resources for the year $8723.97. Of this sum $1126.73 were received for the American Home Missionary Society. The trustees have appropriated $1500.00 to the parent Society, which makes $2626.73, the whole amount paid out of the treasury to that Society. In addition to this sum, $2282.20 have passed directly to New York, which make $4908.93 the whole amount raised in the State for the West, and $8417.53 the whole sum raised for the cause of Home Missions during the year.

The receipts, compared with the preceding year, give the following results: The receipts of the Society for the year just closed are $3115.50 less than those of the preceding year, and the whole amount received in the State for the cause is $2043.68 less than that raised the preceding year. The legacies for the N. H. Missionary Society for the year are $394.18, which is $2295.20 less than those received for the year preceding. The whole amount of legacies for both societies is $2024.18, which is $580.20 less than those of the preceding year. The receipts from donations alone are for the N. H. Missionary Society $872.41 less this year than those were last year; and for the general cause $1543.88 less than they were last year.

The amount received from the Cent Institution this year is $1604.06, which is $67.89 less than the receipts last year.

The disbursements of the Society for the year are $7042.02, which left a balance on hand at the close of the accounts of $1681.75.

Lest it should appear that there has been a decline of interest in the cause from the diminished income of the Society, it is proper to state that we received last year $470.26 from the Permanent Fund, mostly on account of changing its investment, and that nine churches, which contributed $404.86 last year, have paid nothing this year. These two items make $875.12. From this it is evident that, aside from the greatly decreased amount of legacies, the receipts from donations have been well sustained.

The Claim of Rev. Henry Wood.

The following report of a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Bouton, Stone, Young and Parker, will give the principal facts in relation to this matter. We deem it important to publish it, that the case may be fairly understood. Three of the committee were present when the vote was taken to adopt it as embodying the facts, and their views, and to refer it to the Trustees. Upon the final action of the Board there were nine members present, of whom four voted to adopt the resolution reported, one voted in the negative, and four did not vote at all. Three of the last mentioned four expressed the opinion in the course of the discussion, that it was not consistent with our rules to allow the claim. Of the two in favor of granting it, one did not vote either way. We make these statements because it has been affirmed that the vote was a tie.

The committee appointed by the Trustees, May 11, 1854, to consider the claim of Rev. Henry Wood upon the Society for supplying the Congregational church in Canaan for the year ending June, 1852, make the following report:

The facts in the case are as follows: Mr. Wood removed from Concord to Hanover in the spring of 1851. Soon after, he proposed to the church and people of Canaan, then destitute, to supply them on the Sabbath gratuitously for one year, provided they would board him; which proposition was accepted, and was proclaimed to the people from the pulpit by the Rev. Amos Foster. At the time of his supply, Mr. Wood was engaged as an editor of a weekly paper, upon a liberal salary. Something over six months after he commenced preaching at Canaan, the Secretary received a written communication, signed by several individuals, members of the church there, requesting that an appropriation might be made to Mr. Wood for that year's supply. This communication was not an application to aid the church and people, but to aid Mr. Wood. It was stated to the Secretary by one of the signers of that paper, that nothing had been pledged him, because it was understood that he was to make no charge for his services, and that, had it not been for his offer of a gratuitous supply, they could have easily raised $150 to compensate him.

This communication was laid before the Trustees at their semi-annual meeting in June, 1852, who, after a full consideration of all the facts in the case, voted 'unanimously, that we cannot violate our rules by making such an appropriation, and that the Secretary inform them of the reasons, and express to them our sympathy and sense of obligation to Mr. Wood for his labors there.' The rule of the Society referred to is as follows: 'No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches to defray the expenses of a temporary supply of ministers who do not devote their whole time to

the work of the ministry for the benefit of the people to whom they minister.'

This act of the Trustees is in accordance with the Constitution of the Society, whose second article declares its objects to be 'to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, to send missionaries to destitute towns and places, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of Home Missions throughout the United States.' Mr. Wood was not sent as a missionary to Canaan, and the church there was not under patronage as a feeble church. This act of the Trustees is also in accordance with the general principles of the parent Society, whose agent we are in appointing missionaries, for we use their commissions, and are bound to act in harmony with it. See the letter from Dr. Badger on the subject.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees, May 11, 1854, Mr. Wood appeared in person, and urged his claim upon the following grounds: *First*, that he had received encouragement from one or two of the Trustees as individuals; and *secondly*, that the Society had already departed from its rules in granting him money for preaching at Litchfield in 1843–4, and also in aiding Rev. Mr. Howard, of Andover, while preaching at Danbury. In regard to these grounds of claim, the facts are these: In the first instance, no individual trustee or executive officer of the Society has any constitutional authority to pledge the funds of the Society, or even to hold out encouragement of their bestowment, without a special act of the Board, in a legal meeting. In the second instance, the Trustees were not responsible for the money paid Mr. Wood for preaching at Litchfield, but the Londonderry Presbytery. The money was paid to him for the benefit of the church at L., upon the order of the Presbytery, agreeably to a stipulated agreement with the Trustees in 1832. The small appropriation paid to Rev. Mr. Howard was an appropriation made, not to Mr. Howard, but to the church at Danbury, upon their application. If this last case is a slight exception to our rule in regard to the residence of the missionary, it furnishes no precedent in point for the case before us; and even if it did, it does not justify a perpetual violation of the great principles and rules of the Society ever after.

And now, in the light of the foregoing facts, and also in view of the fact that the granting of money to Mr. Wood for the purposes claimed, would be an *ex post facto* act of rescinding the rules of the Society and the special act of the Trustees, to meet a case retrospectively, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the act of the Trustees, June, 1852, declining to make an appropriation to Rev. Henry Wood for supplying at Canaan during the year ending June, 1852, is just and right, and that we cannot consistently abrogate it.

The Agency.

[The following remarks were not read in the reading of the Report, though prepared for that purpose.]

The Secretary craves the indulgence of the Society while he makes a few remarks of a personal character. He was elected by the Society their Secretary at the annual meeting in 1837, and at the same time the Trustees appointed him their general agent, and was also appointed by the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society their agent in New-Hampshire. This two-fold office he sustained down to the anniversary of 1844, when he declined that of the agency, wishing to retire from all connection with the Society as soon as his successor could be found. He was reëlected the Secretary of the Society with the understanding that he should resign when his successor should be ready to assume his duties. This measure was proposed by himself. In October following, the Trustees appointed upon his recommendation Rev. Isaac R. Worcester, then Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, their agent. The Secretary proposed to carry on the affairs of the Society as he had done, till Mr. Worcester, if he accepted of the appointment, should be ready to succeed him in office, which he could not do till the close of his connection with the Vermont Society, which would be in June, 1845. At the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees in June, it was reported by the Secretary that Mr. Worcester had declined the appointment. Upon this report, he was reäppointed agent for the remainder of the year. This is the only interruption to his office as agent; but as he continued his labors as usual through the whole of that year, the interruption was only nominal. These statements he deems the truth to demand him to make.

Whether his labors in the various relations he has sustained to the Society, and to the cause, have amounted to much or little, it does not become him to speak; but he may be allowed to make a few statements of facts, which go to show that the Society has made some progress and the cause some advance during the past seventeen years, whether his own feeble influence deserves any credit or not. This he cannot better do than by comparing some of the results of the cause the past seventeen years with those of the preceding seventeen years.

From 1820 to 1838, seventeen missionary years, the whole sum received by the Society from all sources was $55.098.86, of which $2491.54 were received for the Home Missionary Society. The receipts averaged $3241 a year. From 1837 to the close of the last missionary year, a period of seventeen years, the whole amount received is $118.088.70, which is an average of $6368 a year; an increase of more than one hundred per cent. The amount received for the A. H. M. S. the past seventeen years is $22.230.41; or $1307 a year against $190 a year for the preceding seventeen years. The amount received in the State for the West for the first period of seventeen years is $4678.61; the whole amount received the last seven-

teen years is $38.449.17, which is an increase of more than 900 per cent. The whole amount of the surplus funds appropriated by the Trustees to the A. H. M. S. the first mentioned seventeen years is $1600; the amount appropriated the last seventeen years is $6800.

From the Cent Institution there were received, from 1820 to 1838, $9934.82, which was $584 a year on an average. The whole amount received from the same source the last seventeen years is $23.655.92, which is an average of $1392 a year, which is an increase of about 130 per cent.

At the close of the year 1837 there were only 318 persons who had been constituted Life Members previous to 1820. The list of Life Members both of the New-Hampshire and the American Home Missionary Societies now numbers 1230, which is an increase, during the past seventeen years, of 912, or about 54 a year.

Nor have the moral and religious aspects of the cause been attended with scarcely less evidence of progress than its financial, during the period under review. Of the whole number of feeble churches that have assumed the entire support of the ministry since the organization of the Society, fifty-three years ago, ten ceased to receive aid between 1820 and 1838, and twenty-nine since 1837, being nineteen more in the last seventeen years than in the preceding seventeen years, though it should be observed that six of these nineteen churches have been compelled to fall back again upon the Society for aid.

As it respects the influence of the ordinances of the gospel in the conversion of souls, the increase of the number and piety of the churches, the want of fulness and definiteness of the reports during the first period, time will only allow us to approximate towards a true statement of facts. As near as can be determined, there were about 1850 hopeful conversions and additions to the churches aided from 1820 to 1838. The whole number of hopeful conversions reported since 1837 is 2004, being about 150 more than occurred during the preceding seventeen years. The average number of feeble churches in the State that were each year destitute between 1820 and 1838 was 25; but the average number of destitute churches from 1837 down to the present time has been only 12. From this fact it appears that our missionary field has never been so well supplied with laborers as it has been for the last seventeen years.

This comparison has not been presented to show the influence of the Secretary and General Agent upon the cause, but to prove that it has been blessed of God, whether his influence has had any thing to do with its prosperity or not. But whether he has been the instrument of good or not, God knoweth,—it does not become him to speak, much less to boast; but that he has not been wholly unemployed is evident from the fact that he has preached in behalf of the cause, during the seventeen years, in nearly all of the Congregational and Presbyterian pulpits in the State, and in a portion of them not far from one hundred times annually; visited and preached to missionary congregations more or less every year; attended from

two to six County Conferences every year; attended ecclesiastical councils, and travelled here and there for various other purposes from time to time. In the prosecution of his labors as an Agent, he has travelled 64.700 miles. In the department of his duties as Secretary, he has conducted the correspondence of the cause, requiring him to prepare and mail not far from 450 letters annually, and has annually received and examined at least an equal number. The preparing of the annual Reports and circulating them, the distribution of the Reports of the American Home Missionary Society, and of various other documents that have been entrusted to his care, have cost him no small amount of labor. But to speak of his services in all their detail is impossible, and would not be important, were it possible. Of the trials laid up in the store-house of Divine purpose and providence for all men engaged in the cause of the gospel, he has had a share, and a share too that has put patience, humility and forgiveness to a severer test from their unexpected origin. He only regrets that he has not come out of them more highly purified.

With the great body of the ministers and churches of the State he has always had the most fraternal, confidential and delightful intercourse; and he takes this opportunity to express to them his deep sense of obligation for all their forbearance, readiness of coöperation, and sympathy with him in his labors.

The Home Missionary enterprise he has always loved, and if he has not done what he could to promote it, he trusts it does not today stand on a lower level of interest and importance in the estimation of its friends than it would have done, had he not been so long officially connected with it; and he trusts also that whatever may be his part to perform with respect to it for the future, he will not love it the less, but the more and *the more* as the time approaches for the decision of the great conflict for the moral and spiritual mastery of his country.

The American Home Missionary Society.

The last Report of this Society informs us that 1047 ministers of the gospel were in commission during a part or whole of the year, who performed 870 years of ministerial labor in 27 different States and Territories, for the benefit of different congregations and missionary districts. The number of Sabbath School scholars connected with the missionary churches and stations is not far from 65,400. The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 655 churches, amounted to $30,106.88. The additions to the churches reported were 6025, viz., 3310 by profession, and 2715 by letter. Sixty-two missionaries report revivals of religion, and 374 missionaries reported 2816 hopeful conversions. *Fifty* churches were organized during the year, and 45 have become self-sustaining. *Sixty-five* houses of worship have been completed, *forty-nine* repaired or improved, and eighty-eight are in the process of erection. *Twenty* churches have erected parsonages for their ministers, and *ninety-seven* young men

connected with the missionary churches are reported as in different stages of preparation for the ministry.

The receipts of the Society for the year were $191.809.07, which exceeds the receipts of the former year by $19.474.83. The legacies were $4610.75 more than those of the previous year, which leaves the advance of donations $14.864.08. The expenditures were $9586.52 greater than they were the year before.

After alluding to the planting of our religious institutions upon the shores of the Pacific, our new relations to the continent of Asia, the revolution in China, and the opening of Japan to our commerce, the report closes with the following remarks:

"These events exhibit the true bearings and transcendant importance of the work entrusted to this Institution. It is to open in all parts of our land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the fountains of those streams which shall bear the ark of salvation to the perishing of all lands. Never before has God shown us so clearly the intimate and vital connection between this enterprise and the ultimate triumph of his kingdom among men. Never before has such an accumulation of argument and motive urged us forward in our work. Under the pressure, therefore, of this increased responsibility, and with a more entire consecration to our Divine Master, let us enter upon the labors of another year, looking to him from whom our help cometh, with the earnest entreaty—'GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US, AND CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON US. THAT THY WAY MAY BE KNOWN UPON EARTH, THY SAVING HEALTH AMONG ALL NATIONS.'"

Long-Continued Aid.

There is one feature of our enterprise that has occasionally been alluded to, though never fully considered in our former Reports. Its peculiar delicacy makes us reluctant to bring it before the eye of the christian public; yet a sense of duty to the cause impels us to the task. It must sooner or later demand a serious consideration, and the great principles lying at the foundation of the prosperity of eastern Home Missions must be better understood and more generally fixed, or the cause will, in the end, suffer detriment. In all our religious affairs, both benevolent and ecclesiastical, there is a proneness to put a more favorable construction upon things than the facts will justify. This proneness may be the result of a sanguine temperament, and consistent with a conscientious devotion to duty. But whatever its origin may be, its ultimate influence upon the cause of Christ is equally pernicious. The feature of our enterprise to which we refer, is what the past history of the Society may justify us in denominating permanent charity bestowed upon the same fields and churches. All the churches now on our list, with the exception of some twelve or fifteen, have been the beneficiaries of the Society from twelve to fifty-two years, or they occupy ground that constituted the main portion of our missionary field from the commencement. In

looking over the State, we find the length of time which aid has been extended to these churches or upon the communities out of which they have been gathered to be as follows: one church has been aided twelve years, one fifteen, one eighteen, one twenty, two twenty-one, three twenty-three, two twenty-four, two twenty-six, one twenty-eight, two twenty-nine, one thirty, one thirty-three, one thirty-four, two thirty-eight, two thirty-nine, one forty-one, nine forty-two, one fifty-one, and one fifty-two years. The whole number of these old beneficiaries is 35. To this list we may add twenty-two churches more, which, though not at present aided by the Society, are either as feeble and dependent as ever, or are by no means without the prospect of being again reckoned among the feeble churches of New-Hampshire. The periods that have elapsed since these churches first received aid, or since the towns in which they are located were first occupied by the Society, are severally as follows: In the case of one church, it is 12 years, of one 13 years, of one 17 years, of one 20 years, of one 23 years, of one 24 years, of one 27 years; two of 28 years, of one 33 years, of two thirty-four years, of one 35 years, of one 39 years, of one 40 years, of five 42 years, and of one 53 years. We have then a field embracing 57 churches, over which the apostles of this Society traversed and labored from twelve to fifty-two years ago. Though a few of these churches enjoy the preaching of the gospel without foreign aid, yet it is not by reason of their ability to support it fully themselves. They are so fortunate as to find ministers who are able and willing to support it in part for them. But should this kind of charity cease, they will doubtless return again to the Missionary Society. We have enumerated about forty churches once aided, as having become independent of aid; but of this number not more than twenty-five can be regarded as belonging to the class of able churches, and beyond the probability of returning indigence and dependence. Were it our lot to-day to lift up our eyes upon these 48 churches as having a recent origin, other aspects affecting their future prospects being unchanged, what a gush of holy sympathy would heave our hearts, and how should we rejoice in the glorious opportunity of reaping a rich harvest in this vineyard of labor, and how should we pray and exhort one another to love and good works. But the ardor of our missionary spirit and zeal is in danger of being suppressed by the sober facts of the past. Our fathers in the missionary work felt a confidence that the seed sown by their hands would soon spring up, and bear fruit a hundred fold, and that the desolations of many generations would soon be repaired. And were we to-day without their experience, we should have the confidence, though we should not live, as they did not, to experience the sadness of "hopes deferred."

In view of the facts just stated, the question very naturally arises, Shall the Missionary Society abandon any of its feeble churches, which to human appearance will never be able to sustain themselves, on the ground that its funds will accomplish a greater amount of good beyond our limits? or shall it continue to cherish

them because they are the Lord's poor, though a perpetual dependence be the only prospect? On this question we have several remarks to make before we come to a direct reply.

1st. It ought not to be a matter of wonder that so many of our feeble churches, which have been for a series of years receiving aid in the support of the gospel, are still as dependent as ever. We should bear in mind that they are and always have been beset by influences hostile to their growth; having their origin in the foundations of society laid by the first occupants of the soil, and by their descendants. During the whole period of our Missionary history, scarcely a Congregational or Presbyterian church has been gathered and made to advance to a strong and vigorous existence, where the religious opinions and habits of the people have taken their character from the creeds and customs of other sects. In some instances, indeed, we have feeble churches that were once strong and surrounded by a Puritan atmosphere. Their feebleness is not so much the result of a corruption of that atmosphere, as of emigration, and other causes, which moral means could not prevent or remove. But by far the largest part of the missionary field of New-Hampshire has been made such by radical elements of hostility to our system of truth and practice, affecting the moral and religious condition of society from the beginning. We are obliged to say that there is not a single town or parish in the whole State in which a Congregational or Presbyterian church has been gathered out of materials that were *anti* in their original sympathies and principles to our order. The churches that have been formed in these towns have been, for the most part, composed of materials derived from sources foreign to themselves; and those churches that have acquired strength and moral power to any considerable degree, have been chiefly replenished and nurtured by the men and women who have inherited the principles and spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers of New England.

2d. The enfeebling and withering effect of emigration upon our feeble churches should also be remembered. This source of discouragement we have often alluded to. Notwithstanding the difficulty of building up religious institutions in the old towns of New-Hampshire, which have been overrun with ignorance, fanaticism and error, had the sons and daughters of the churches that have been collected in them, continued to abide on the soil that gave them birth, even in no greater numbers than to keep it from being alienated into the hands of strangers, the work of Home Missions in our State would have been by this time more than half completed. Time was when to enjoy the heritage and to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, constituted almost the only thought and ambition of the youth of New England. But that time has passed forever; a new era for enterprise in every department of life has dawned upon the land. The work of *prospecting* upon the hard and stubborn fields of the East is now over, and the young aspirant for wealth, fame, or usefulness, looks abroad for a place more favorable to pitch his tent. It may be in the busy town of spindles and merchandise, along the river banks,

or in the stirring cities of commerce and trade, the broad prairies of the West, or the El-Dorado of the Pacific coast. He goes, and peradventure he will soon be followed by the grey hairs he left behind, and the old homestead becomes a grazing ground, or is tenanted by those who scorn the piety and the staid habits that once were its glory. Of this source of feebleness to the churches and of the moral decline of society on our field, we would not complain. It doubtless enters into the plan of a wise Providence, by which great and glorious things are intended for our land.

3d. Another item in the influences that have perpetrated the dependence of some of our feeble churches is found in the lack of a sound and consistent piety in the churches themselves. It would be unreasonable, perhaps, to expect more, in this respect, of these churches than of others; but in every instance where the standard of a christian life falls below the average of that of their sister churches of the more able class, our hopes that the Lord will speedily crown our endeavors in their behalf with success, have but a slender foundation. These remarks are occasioned by facts which have frequently come to our knowledge; but the fear of speaking unadvisedly on so delicate a topic, constrains us to dismiss it here, in hopes that a bare allusion to it may be a profitable suggestion to our brethren.

4th. The long continued dependence of so many churches upon the Missionary Society, occasioned by the causes just named, and others which might be mentioned, has had an unfavorable effect upon its funds. When it is seen that they have been the objects of Home Missionary bounty year after year, from ten to fifty years, and yet have made but little if any apparent improvement, and perhaps have actually retrograded in strength and moral influence, it is not strange that some of the friends of the Society should lose in a measure their interest in its field of more direct labors, and that they should begin to look beyond its limits for one more promising, upon which to bestow their benefactions. The stand still, or retrocessive condition of a large class of our feeble churches, has a tendency, it must be confessed, to impart a chill of discouragement over the ardent believers in Christian progress. And a sense of discouragement, whether reasonable or unreasonable, is not compatible with a free and generous habit of benevolence. It is hence that we can account for the fact that individuals and churches have, in some instances, turned away from the old objects of their benefactions and sympathies, and have sought those that are younger and more hopeful, in the distance. This diversion of funds will probably continue and increase, unless counteracted by a more cheering aspect at home, or by more Scriptural views of Christian obligation. In view of this state of things, the question arises, What principle of operation should the Missionary Society now adopt? It must make its choice of one or the other of the two following: either to abandon the greater portion of the field it has occupied so long, on the ground that the great object of the enterprise, viz., the building up of strong churches and of repairing the moral wastes around them, can never be realized: or to make its

fostering care of them co-extensive with their necessities, on the ground simply that it is our duty to provide a preached gospel for the poor, whatever may be their prospects. Let us for a moment consider each of these principles.

With regard to the first principle, it takes it for granted that charity to poor churches should terminate where the prospect of perpetual necessity begins; provided Providence has pointed out other more encouraging objects, though of no greater necessity for the time being. Let us suppose the Missionary Society to be able to aid only half of the churches it is now aiding. No one will say that it should not make a selection of those most hopeful of advancement, other circumstances being equal. But provided it has the means of aiding every church that needs it, and there being a prospect that a greater amount of good can be accomplished with its funds beyond its own hands, what shall it do?

We answer, it cannot be justified in deserting its own field, in view of such a prospect, unless it can be certain that it will be realized; but from what source can it be made certain? Not from any specific promises in the word of God, nor from the past favors of his grace and providence bestowed upon the cause. The prospect of accomplishing a greater amount of good beyond our limits with a given amount of funds is possible, yea, for the sake of the argument, it is probable, but it is no more. It is not a revealed fact. As much as we feel the importance of the great work at the West, and that the churches of the East have not yet fully comprehended the magnitude of their obligations towards our common country, we are not blind to the fact, that many churches have been gathered, and for a season aided by the Home Missionary Society in the West, that have either become entirely extinct or have made no progress. We believe it can be shown that a larger number of Home Missionary churches in the West, in proportion to the whole number aided, have failed to meet the ardent expectations of the friends of the cause, than in the East. And we also believe, indeed we know, that more than one tenth of all the churches that have become independent of aid on the whole field of the American Home Missionary Society, are found in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, while there is less than one twentieth of the whole number of feeble churches and congregations of the land in these two States. There is, therefore, nothing in the comparative results of building up churches in these two sections of the field that furnishes a good reason for discouragement to this Society. It follows, then, that if charity to the poor churches of New Hampshire ought to terminate where the prospect of their perpetual want begins, it ought for the same reason to be withdrawn from churches at the West that are evidently doomed to perpetual poverty; and that before we contribute our money for the West, we should satisfy ourselves whether the churches aided there will probably become strong and independent.*

* As an apology in behalf of the West, it should be observed that the circumstances under which churches are gathered there are entirely different from

With regard to the second principle of procedure, it seems to us to be the politic principle, the humane principle, the *christian* principle, and consequently the true principle. The Saviour said, "Unto the poor the gospel is preached;" preached as a gratuity, because they are poor—the suffering, afflicted poor, as is the meaning of the word *meek* in the passage quoted by him from the Prophet. What significancy has this language, if this be not his meaning? It would not have been in accordance with the genius of that divine benevolence which brought him to this world, to have preached "glad tidings" only to the rich, or to have made the gospel a blessing only to those able to support its messengers. To preach the gospel to the poor was the purpose for which this Society was formed, and thus far it has not betrayed the trust committed to it both by God and man. When the recipients of its bounty have so far increased in basket and store as no longer to be the poor, they cease by both human and divine appointment to be the proper objects of that bounty.

But as all general rules have their exceptions, so has this. An obstinate rejection of the gospel, incorrigibleness of reform under instruction and rebuke, or gross delinquencies and hypocrisy of christian character, may make the poor an exception to the application of this rule. Exceptions of this kind existed in the days of Christ and his apostles. There were many poor in all the cities of Palestine in those days, from whom the apostles turned away, because they were not worthy. Their home was left desolate and they perished in their sins. So, for like reasons doubtless, there may be poor among us to whom it is not our duty to preach the gospel. If they refuse to listen—if they treat with scorn the blessings proffered them, and trample upon their own privileges—if they put their light under a bushel, the voice of Providence bids us carry the gospel to those who will bring forth the fruits thereof. But it is with the general principle, and not with the exceptions, that we are concerned on the present occasion. Our obligations to the needy are not to be determined by balancing probabilities with regard to the future, but from the spirit of Christ, which seeks the supply of their current necessities.

We close with one or two reflections:

Should any one of our feeble churches which have for a series of years been aided by the Missionary Society, begin to feel that they have a

those attending the gathering of churches at the East. In the West there are many places where towns and villages are commenced with the prospect of rapid increase, but the current of things soon changes, and all hopes are blasted. Churches organized in such places must of course dwindle to nothing. The population is much less permanent and more changeable at the West than in the East, and as a consequence the fate of churches as well as that of every secular interest is sooner determined. For the same reason they advance much more rapidly to independence.

This view of the subject rather increases than diminishes the importance of the enterprise at the West, for though a church occasionally disappears, its influence is not lost. The materials of which it was composed have only changed place, to reörganize or increase an existing organization to exert a more extensive and effective influence for God in that broad land.

sort of pledge of a perpetual annuity, on the score of poverty, it will operate against their own personal efforts to dispense with aid in part, if not wholly. A proper sense of obligation to avoid by their own personal exertions all just occasion of discouragement to the friends of the cause, will check the rising of any such feeling as this. The amount of strength is sometimes greater than they are conscious of, and hence they may be fully persuaded that they are more needy than they actually are. A faithful examination, and a due conviction of duty to themselves and to the cause, will correct this mistake, and prevent the evils flowing from it.

Again: we have advanced nothing in this article that should be regarded in the light of discouragement. Though the churches of New Hampshire have been contributing so many years to furnish a preached gospel for their necessitous brethren, they have not done it in vain. Had it not been from the losses experienced by the feeble churches from removals, the most of them, as before remarked, would have been able, long before this day, to support the ministry without the assistance of others. But where are those who have gone out from them? They are found in the villages and cities of New England, where they have aided in building up other churches, or they have scattered here and there over the West, as pioneer laborers in the cause of morals and religion. No; the money expended upon these old fields in New Hampshire has not been lost. It is invested in the school-house, the academy, the college, the sanctuary, the ministry, the church, the Sabbath school, the improvement of morals, the salvation of men, all constituting a bank of glory for God and our country. The scattered population in our mountain towns, and the little clusters of people in our valleys and byplaces, have been refreshed at this fountain of waters. They will testify that the Missionary Society has been to them as an oasis in the desert. Shall not the past revenue of intelligence, of virtue and of piety, which this Society has acquired in the character of its beneficiaries and in the blessings it has conferred upon our community, stimulate us with fresh zeal in our work of mercy to the poor. Is it the dollar that is the object of our economy in this cause? No, it is not the dollar! It is the man, the citizen, whose life on earth and life in heaven is worth more than the dollar. It is the luxury of doing him good in his want, and not the study to save the dollar, that kindles up in our bosoms the spirit of philanthropy, and the love of Christ. And has not the preaching of the word under the auspices of this Society been sowing the good seed here and there? and has not the seed been springing up and bearing fruit, though an abundant harvest has not been gathered in? The thousand bearings of a faithful christian ministry upon the present and future character of individuals and families, may not at once be visible, but they are none the less real. Who can estimate the influence of the droppings of the Sanctuary, as they have gradually worn away the rocks of prejudice and ignorance, and opened avenues through which the Holy Spirit has reached the heart of the man, the woman and the youth, and transformed it into the image of

God? Who can weigh the instructions of the Sabbath School, as they have checked the froward tendencies of childhood, and laid the foundations of a virtuous and useful life and a happy eternity! Who can enumerate the ornaments to the cause of education, morals and religion, now scattered over the land, having first received their mouldings in these hard and stubborn fields. Have not many a flower that, without the transplanting hand, might have blushed "unseen, and wasted its sweetness on the desert air," added beauty and delight to the gardens of Zion? Let then our sadness be turned into joy. The demands upon us this day are not so much a lamentation over the smallness of the results of our labors, as a thankful return to the Great Head of the Church, that he has enabled us to accomplish so much; and while he still points us in his Providence to starving poor around us, let us rejoice that we are counted worthy to carry unto them the bread and the water of life.

In behalf of the Trustees—

BENJ. P. STONE,

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

BENJ. P. STONE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr.		**Cr.**	
To paid missionaries and churches,	$3.744,34	By balance from last year's account,	$2.588,44
To paid surplus funds to A. H. M. S.,	1.500,00	By income from permanent fund,	115,28
To paid donations to A. H. M. S.,	962,36	By donations and contributions,	6,019,05
To paid Secretary's and Agent's salary,	400,00		$8.723,77
To paid Presbyterian churches of Litchfield and Peterboro', per order of Londonderry Presbytery,	200,00		
To paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing Reports,	105,12		
To paid Morrill & Silsby, for binding Reports,	15,75		
To paid Secretary and Agent's account, viz., postage, $19,69; stationery, $6,93; fare and expenses, $71,37,	97,95		
To paid Treasuress of Cent Institution,	15,00		
To counterfeit money,	1,50		
To balance on hand, Aug. 15, 1854,	1.681,75		
	$8.723,77		

I have examined the accounts of Rev. B. P. STONE, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, for the past year, and find them correctly cast and well vouched: showing a balance now in his hands of one thousand six hundred and eighty-one $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars, ($1.681,75.)

ARTHUR FLETCHER, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 17, 1854.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for the year ending August 15, 1854.

Acworth—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. E. S. Wright L. M. $35; Ladies, 7; Ladies' Charitable Soc., to constitute Mrs. Lucie E. Wright L. M., $30, ... $72.00

Andover—Rev. N. Howard, 5.00

Amherst—Cong. Ch. and Soc., for the A. H. M. Soc., 32.66; Aaron Lawrence, to const. his wife, Mrs. A. Lawrence, L. M. of A. H. S., 30; Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, to constitute her father, A. Lawrence, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30; 92.66

Antrim—Presbyterian Church and Soc., ... 18.00

Auburn—Individuals, ... 5.00

Bath—Congregational Church and Society, ... 20.00

Bath, West—Ladies' Sewing Society, for freight, ... 2.00

Bedford—Presbyterian Church and Soc., ... 106.35

Bethlehem—Congregational Church and Soc., ... 17.00

Boscawen, East—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to cons. Rev. Ambrose Smith L. M,. 40; Dea. John Gerrish, in part to constit. his wife, Mrs. Lucinda B. Gerrish, L. M., 15; 55.00

Boscawen, West—Congregational Church and Soc., paid to B. W. Sanborn, . . 24.40

Bradford—Congregational Church and Society, ... 22.00

Bristol—Congregational Church and Society, 17.19; Ladies, 16.21, both in full to cons. Rev. Joseph Garland L. M., ... 33.40

Brookline—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in full to const. Asher Shattuck L. M. 26; Calvin R. Shedd, in full to cons. his dau., Emily T. Shedd, L. M., 12; . 38.00

Canaan—Congregational Ch. and Soc., ... 9.00

Centre-Harbor—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 27.86

Canterbury—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 12.25

Charlestown—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 13.00

Chichester—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 3.69

Claremont—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 21.00

Campton—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 12; Doct. Jesse A. Sanborn, to constitute himself and wife, Mrs. Sarah Sanborn, L. M's, 10; David Bartlett, 2; . . 24.00

Concord, First—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in full to const. Samuel B. Marden, Ezra Ballard and Mrs. Emily Farnum L. M,s, 94; Monthly Concert, 13.28; Mrs. Charlotte Woolson, in part to cons. her dau. Charlotte A., L. M., 5; Mrs. E. Bradley, in part to constitute her son, Moses H. Bradley, L. M., 5; Charles H. Farnum, L. M., 5; 122.28

Concord, South—Cong. Church and Society, 57.24; Rev. Henry E. Parker, 5; Dea. Geo. B. Chandler, 5; Mrs. Mary Farrington, 5; Mrs. Mary Stickney, in full to cons. C. R. Green, of Georgia, L. M., 5; Samuel Farrington, 5; Rev. B. P. Stone and wife, in full to cons. Samuel LeRoy Farrington L. M., 10; 92.24

Concord, West—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 13.50; Rev. Asa P. Tenny, in part to constitute his son, Edward P., L. M., 5; 18.50

Derry, First Church—Ladies' Sewing Society, to cons. Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, L. M., 30; Ch. and Soc., to cons. Charles C. Parker L. M. of A. H. S., 30; do. for the A. H. M. S., 91; George R. M. McGregor, in part L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; 161.00

Derry—First Cong. Ch. and Soc., to cons. Dea. James Palmer L. M., 34; do. Aug. 24, 1853, 31.50, ... 65.50

Dunbarton—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 9.76

Durham—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... ; 21.89

East Alstead—Congregational Church and Society, ... 7.00

Enfield—Rev. D. Pulsifer, 2; a Friend, 1; 3.00

Epping—Congregational Church and Society, ... 27.31

Farmington—Congregational Church and Society, ... 26.00

Fitzwilliam—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in part to constitute William Lock L. M. of A. H. M. S., 23.81; Dexter Whittemore, to const. himself and wife, Mrs. Betsey Whittemore, L. M's of A. H. M. S., 60; Rev. John Woods, fifth instalment to constitute Edward P. Woods L. M., 5; . . 88.81

Fisherville—Found in the drawer of the late Rev. Isaac Knight, ... 5.26

Francestown—Cong. Church and Soc., 51; do. Aug 19, 1853, 58; 109.00

Franconia—Congregational Church and Society, ... 2.00

Franklin—Cong. Ch. and Soc. 24; Dea. Hiel Proctor, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30; 54.00

Gilmanton—Centre Cong. Ch. and Soc., 8.45; Rev. R. Sargent, an sub., 2; . 10.45

Gilsum—Congregational Church and Society, ... 18.90

Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society, ... 12 24

Goshen—Congregational Church and Soc., in part to constitute Rev. Henry Richardson L. M., two payments, ... 24.37

Great Falls—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to cons. Miss Mary A. Legro L. M.; also in part to const. Miss Elizabeth Cook, L. M., 42; Rev. J. B. Cooke, 3; 45.02

Greenfield—Evangelical Church and Society, ... 5.00

Greenland—Congregational Church and Society, ... 22.00

Groton—Congregational Church and Soc., 5; Daniel Cummings, in part to const. his daughter, Alice C. Tilton L. M., 5; 10.00

Hancock—Congregational Church and Society, ... 14.00

Harrisville—Cong. Church and Soc., for A. H. M. S. 28.87; Lovell Harris, for A. H. M. S., 5; 33.88

Haverhill—Congregatioual Ch. and Soc., to const. Lyman Buck, George H. Sinclair, and Arthur Carleton L. M's, 82; Mrs. Mary P. Webster, to const. Mrs. Nancy L. Peabody, Eastport, Me., L. M., 30; C. A. S., to constitute Miss Jane M. Spaulding, of Montpelier, Vt., L. M., 30; 142.00

Hanover—Rev. David Kimball, ann. subscriber, ... 2.00

Henniker—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 18.50; do. for the A. H. M. S., 97.81, $90 of which to const. Dr. N. Sanborn, Jacob Gordon and Worcester Harthorn, Life Members of the A. H. M. S., ... 116.31

Hillsborough Bridge—Congregational Church and Society, ... 6.40

Hillsborough Centre—Congregational Church and Society, ... 4.00

Hinsdale—Congregational Church and Society, ... 38.00

Hooksett—Congregational Church and Society, ... 12.00

Hollis—Congregational Ch. and Soc., 26.77; do. for the A. H. M. S., 103.25, . . 130.02

Hopkinton—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to cons. Mrs. Sarah C. C. Weeks and Mrs. Joanna R. Holmes L. M's of A. H. M. S., ... 73.75

Hudson—Congregational Church and Soc., ... 11.14

Jaffrey, East—Congregational Church and Soc., ... 10.00

Keene—Cong. Church and Soc., Monthly Concert, 19.47; Heshbon Society, 16; William Torrence, in full L. M., 12; William Lamson, 10; Dr. Dudley Smith, in part L. M. of A. H. M. S., 5; 62.47

Langdon—Congregational Church and Society, ... 16.00

Lebanon, West—Cong. Ch. and Society, in full to constitute Rev. Elias H. Richardson, of Goffstown, L. M., ... 23.00

Lempster—Congregational Church and Society, ... 11.00

Litchfield—Presbyterian Church and Society, ... 12.00

Littleton—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 10.62; Sylvanus Balch, for the A. H. M. S., 10; both in part to const. Rev. E. J. Carpenter L. M.; Abijah Allen and wife, annual subscribers, 4; 24.62

Londonderry—Presbyterian Church and Society, in full to cons. Warner Coffin L. M., the balance to const. —— —— L. M., ... 23.33

London Village—Congregational Church and Society, in full to cons. Mrs. C. E. K. Willey L. M., ... 24.50

Lyme—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 97.82; Rev. E. Tenny, in part to cons. his son, Roger M., L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; 107.82

Lyndeborough—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to const. Deacons Wm. Jones and John C. Goodrich L. M's of A. H. M. S., ... 63.00

Manchester—First Church, ... 2.00

Manchester—Franklin St. Church, ... 70.00

Meredith Bridge—Cong. Church and Soc., 29.25; Rev. John K. Young, in part to cons. his daughter, E. A. Young, L. M., 5; 34.25

Meredith Village—Cong. Ch. and Soc. 18; a Friend, 5; Mrs. Susan H. Sanborn, annual subscriber, two payments, 4; 27.00

Merrimack—A Friend, ... 2.00

Merrimack, South—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in part to cons. Rev. Daniel Sawyer L. M., 15.00

Moultonborough—Cong. Church and Society, 12.03; Mrs. Martha Dodge, 5; do., her annual subscription, two payments, 4; 21.03

Mont-Vernon—Cong. Ch. and Soc. 55; C. B. Southworth, in full to cons. C. B. Southworth and Miss Henrietta M. Starrett L. M's, 60; Dea. John Bruce, in full L. M., 10; Mrs. A. E. Starrett, first instalment of L. M., 10; Timothy Kittredge, 4th instalment for daughter Mary C., 5; Month. Concert L. M., 5; 90.00

Nashua—First Cong. Ch. and Soc., 56,78; do., to const. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gage L. M's of A. H. M. S., 60; in part to cons. —— —— L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; 126.78

Nashua—Pearl Street Cong. Church and Soc., for the A. H. M. S., 123; John G. Blunt, in part L. M. of A. H. M. S., 20; R. W. Lane, in full L. M. of A. H. M. S., 15; 158.00

New-Ipswich—Second Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 17.25

Newport—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to cons. Mrs. John Woods L. M., ... 33.05

North-Hampton—Cong. Ch. and Soc., two payments, ... 14.68

Northwood—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 13.00

Orfordville—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 5.00

Orford, West—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 25.00

Ossipee—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 22; L. D. Sawyer, in part to cons. his son, Frank D. Sawyer, L. D. of A. H. M. S., 5; 27,00

Paper Mill Village—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 10.50

Pembroke—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 20.12

Piermont—Cong. Church and Soc., ... 9.00

Pittsfield—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 38.50; Rev. Moses H. Wells, in part to constitute his daughter, A. M. Wells, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10: R. L. French, in part to cons. his daughter, Lama C. French, L. M., 5; J. L. Thorndike, in part to cons. his daughter, Sarah Thorndike, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 26; 79.50

Plainfield—Congregational Church and Society, ... 12.00

Plymouth—Cong. Soc. and Soc., in full to cons. Lemuel Merrill L. M., 39.61; Rev. William R. Jewett, in full to cons. his nephew, Wm. Tucker, L. M., 4; do., in part to constitute —— —— L. M., 4; Wm. W. Russell, in part to cons. his daughter Ellen L. M., 10; 57.61

Portsmouth—Ladies of North Cong. Ch., $30 of which to constitute Rev. Henry D. Moore L. M. of A. H. M. S., ... 96.96

Raymond—Cong. Church and Society, ... 21.00

Rindge—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 18.20; J. B. Breed, in part to cons. his daughter, Maranda Breed, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10; Female Auxiliary Home Missionary Society, to cons. Miss Polly Bowers L. M., 34.74; Miss Cynthia W. Brown, 20; 82.94

Roxbury—Rev. S. H. Tolman and individuals, in full to constit. his son, Samuel H. Tolman, jr., L. M., ... 8.00
Salem—Cong. Church and Society, ... 10.00
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South New-Market—Cong. Ch. and Soc., 7.38; Rev. W. Fifield, second instalment for daughter, Ellen S., 5; 12.38
Stewartstown W.—Congregational Church and Society, ... 6.23
Sullivan—Cong. Ch. and Soc., to constitute Ellsworth Hubbard L. M., . . . 33.61
Swanzey—Cong. Church and Society, 9.25; Monthly Concert, 16.18; Rev. E. Rockwood, in part to constitute Mrs. Mary Pool, Danvers, Ms., L. M. of A. H. M. S., 15; Miss Calista Dickinson, 5; 45.43
Temple—Cong. Ch. and Soc., ... 14.45
Thornton—William G. Brown, ... 1.00
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Tamworth—Cong. Ch. and Soc., in part to constitute ——— ——— L. M., 17.00
Wakefield—Congregational Church and Society, ... 12.00
Warner—Cong. Church and Society. 31.04; Frederick Eaton, 4; 35.04
Windham—Presbyterian Church and Society, ... 41.06
Wilmot—Rev. R. Kimball, ... 2.00
Westmoreland—Evangelical Church and Society, ... 6.22
Wolfborough—Congregational Church and Society, ... 7.00
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Hollis—Legacy of Elizabeth R. Jewett, ... 244.18
Deering—Legacy of John Merrill, late of Deering, by Rev. Thos. H. Merrill, Ex'r, 150.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Stockbridge, Ms.—Rev. Bancroft Fowler, left in the hands of Rev. Henry Wood in June, 1844, ... 3.25
Interest on the same, ... 36
General Association at Littleton, ... 30.32
Unknown—To constitute John O. Montgomery L. M., ... 30.00
Income from Permanent Fund, ... 115.28
Coös County Conference of Churches, ... 6.30
Merrimack Conference of Churches, ... 23.00
Sullivan County Conference of Churches, ... 8.76
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ANNUAL MEETING.

Agreeably to the alteration of the Constitution last year, the Society held a business meeting in the Lecture Room, in the Merrimack County Bank building, in Concord, on the 30th of August, at nine o'clock, A. M., and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., Concord, *President.*
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Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, *Secretary and Treasurer.*
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Trustees elected in 1854.

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Trustees elected in 1853.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Hillsborough Bridge;
Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Concord;
Rev. Amos W. Burnham, Rindge.

Voted, To recommend to the Trustees to appoint a Missionary Agent to labor the most of his time on missionary ground.

Adjourned.

Benjamin P. Stone,
Secretary of N. H. Mis. Society.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The *fifty-fourth* anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held in the First Congregational Meeting-house, in Concord, on the 30th of August—the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. Taylor, of Francestown. Extracts from the Annual Report were read by the Secretary.

The Society was then addressed in a very interesting manner by the Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester, and the Rev. Dr. Murray, of Elizabethtown, N. J.

Benjamin P. Stone, *Secretary.*

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Trustees of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in presenting their *fifty-fourth* annual report, find it their painful duty to notice those dispensations of Divine Providence which have removed by death, during the year, several of their ministerial brethren and co-laborers, who were more or less accustomed to mingle with us on our anniversary occasions. The Rev. Sereno T. Abbot, of Seabrook, departed this life in April last. He was a missionary of the Society at Seabrook and Hampton Falls, from 1837 to 1850, and one of its Trustees from the annual meeting of 1852, to the time of his death. In March the Rev. Jubilee Wellman died at his residence, in Lowell, Vt., where he had been laboring several years under commission from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. He was a successful missionary of this Society, at Warner, from 1827 to 1832. On the 25th of July the venerable Rev. David Sutherland, of Bath, ceased from his earthly labors. Passing his long ministerial life amidst many feeble churches and moral wastes, he performed much missionary service, both voluntary and in commission, and never was wanting in the warmest attachment to the Home Missionary cause. Scarcely does the time of our assembling arrive when another devoted servant of Christ is called away to enjoy the reward of his various toil and sacrifice in the cause of christian benevolence. We refer to the Rev. John M. Ellis, who, in the midst of his days and plans of usefulness, died, at his residence in Nashua, on the 6th of August. He was one of the pioneer missionaries of the West. From the autumn of 1825 he labored ten years in Illinois, under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society.

The removal of these beloved brethren, whose whole ministerial life was identified in an unusual degree with all the great enterprises of christian progress, invests the present occasion with an air of sadness and gloom; but our grief is consoled by the remembrance of their virtues; and more especially by the evidence that they have left us to join the general assembly of the first-born in heaven.

The further matters of our report are arranged as usual under their appropriate heads, of which the following is an abstract:

Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Church members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals, &c.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
1. ALTON. Rev. Franklin Davis, *s. s.*	Oct. 22, 1854.	150,00	4	16	2	2				30		8,27
2. ANDOVER. Rev. N. Howard, *s. s.*	Jan. 1, 1854.	100,00	8	21						75	5,50	
3. BETHLEHEM. Rev. Thomas Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1854.	87,50	11	34			1			60	25,00	18,50
4. BRADFORD. Rev. Carey Russell, *s. s.*	Nov. 12, 1854.	100,00	15	34				1	1	60	19,89	4,00
5. BROOKLINE. Rev. D. Goodwin, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1855.	75,00	12	42				4	26	100	38,00	80,00
6. CANAAN. Rev. M. Gerould, *s. s.*	Aug. 20, 1854.	200,00	13	37	1					75	31,00	16,00
7. CENTER-HARBOR. Rev. A. Benson, *P.*	Sept. 1, 1854.	100,00	16	46	6		2			53	16,75	32,38
8. CHARLESTOWN. Rev. W. Wright, *P.*	Nov. 10, 1854.	150,00	12	50		1		5	3	50	24,00	25,91
9. DALTON. Mr. Alfred Lawton, *M.*	Mar. 25, 1855.	42,00	8	24	2	3						
10. DANBURY. Rev. D. Goodhue, *P.*	March 1, 1855.	150,00		47	1					93		
11. DEERING. Rev. J. W. Perkins, *s. s.*	June 10, 1855.	100,00	12	36		1	1	1			11,10	
12. DORCHESTER. Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	April 12, 1844. June 10, 1855.	75,00 38,50	5	17								
13. DUBLIN. Rev. G. S. Kemp, *s. s.*	May 28, 1844.	150,00	12	36						60	2,00	
14. ENFIELD. Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	April 12, 1854.	75,00	8	17	1							
15. EPPING. Rev. L. White, *P.*	Sept. 12, 1854.	150,00	19	50						90	43,93	
16. EPSOM. Mr. E. H. Blanchard, *s. s.*	Aug. 28, 1854.	100,00	34	100	1	1	4	2	4	65	23,34	44,78
17. FRANCONIA. Rev. T. Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1854.	87,50	4	13				1		75	9,25	
18. GILSUM. Rev. E. Adams, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1855.	75,00	14	43			1	2		89	28,75 28,75	71,55
19. GOSHEN. Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.*	Mar. 15, 1855.	100,00	21	55		1	1		1	40	14,00	6,00
20. GROTON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	Mar. 10, 1855.	125,00	14	30						65	3,50	
21. HEBRON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	Mar. 10, 1855.	62,50	6	27						125	5,50	
22. HOOKSETT. Rev. Wm. A. Fobes, *s. s.*	June 1, 1854.	100,00	8	35				1		73	20,00	

REMARKS.

1. This infant church and society is making some progress, but it has serious obstacles to contend with.

2. The statistics are from last year's report. The field has not been occupied since the close of Mr. Howard's last commission.

3. There have been no special changes on this field. Some instances of more decision of christian character have occurred.

4. There is nothing of special interest to report from this field.

5. Mr. G., after holding a commission to labor in this place sixteen years and a half, was dismissed May 2. Unhappy dissensions in the church threaten its prosperity.

6. Nothing very encouraging is reported from this field.

7. The report speaks of some interruption to the harmony of this church.

8. Nothing of special interest reported.

9. See *Short Missions*.

10. Meeting-house built, and pastor settled. Congregation from one hundred to one hundred and fifty. Things more encouraging.

12. Mr. P. labored here one half of the time for the year ending in April. He now spends some time on the field as a missionary. Prospects of building up are dark.

14. Mr. P. has closed his labors here. The light of Orthodox truth is nearly extinguished in Enfield. The mass of the people are Universalists or infidel.

15. Mr. White was dismissed in May. The church is now destitute.

16. After many years this church has returned to the Missionary Society for aid. Congregation ranges from 115 to 150. The missionary left at the close of his commission. The prospects of the church not very hopeful.

17. No essential change.

18. Average attendance on public worship, 90. General state of things is favorable.

19. There has been no change in the affairs of this people.

20. The report speaks of general peace and outward prosperity.

21. As different denominations compose the congregation, so it is with the Sabbath school. This accounts for its large numbers. Hebron and Groton constitute one missionary field.

22. Mr. R. has been absent some months for the benefit of his health. No report has been furnished of the state of the church. Its only deacon has died.

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23. HUDSON.												
Rev. D. L. French, *s. s.*	Nov. 6, 1854.	100,00	24	70	4			2	1	75	17,00	10,00
24. LANCASTER.												
Mr. E. Chamberlain, s. s.	Sept. 17, 1854.	200,00	12	80	8	9	11	1	3	95		33,00
25. LANGDON.												
Rev. C. Taylor, *s. s.*	Sept. 1, 1854.	150,25	15	47	2	5	3	1	1	70	25,13	9,00
26. LEE.												
Mr. G. H. Becker, M.	Mar. 25, 1855.	42,00										
Mr. Mason Moore, M.	Aug. 4, 1855.	42,00										
27. LOUDON VILLAGE.												
Rev. C. Willey, *s. s.*	April 15, 1855.	100,00	13	44						70	59,81	35,00
28. MANCHESTER CITY.												
Rev. T. P. Sawin, *P.*	April 1, 1855.	150,00	5	40	9	2	3	1	1	270		
29. MASON.												
Rev. J. L. Arms, *s. s.*	March 1, 1855.	100,00	49	106	3	2	1			75	14,65	56,41
30. MEREDITH VILLAGE.												
Rev. E. C. Farwell, s. s.	Nov. 27, 1854.	150,00	16	56		1		1		70	31,70	69,18
31. MERRIMACK SOUTH.												
Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	May 28, 1855.	100,00	12	44		6	2	1	8	51	15,98	
32. MOULTONBOROUGH.												
Rev. W. P. Apthorp, s. s.	Jan. 29, 1855.	150,00	15	42	1					40	2,00	
33. NEW-ALSTEAD.												
Rev. B. Smith, s. s.	Jan. 1, 1855.	100,00	18	123						100	13,00	46,00
34. NEW-CASTLE.												
Rev. L. Alden, *s. s.*	April 1, 1844.	100,00	8	94						180		
35. OSSIPEE CORNER.												
Rev. H. Wood, *s. s.*	June, 1854.	42,00									10,00	
Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 3, 1855.	42,00		7						60	5,00	10,00
36. PAPER-MILL VILLAGE.												
Rev. B. Ober, *s. s.*	May 1, 1855.	175,00	6	33	2	2				40	12,50	12,50
37. PLAINFIELD.											12,50	
Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.*	Oct. 10, 1854.	100,00	6	23			1	1	1	35	20,00	20,00
38. SHELBURNE.												
Rev. D. Goodhue, *s. s.*	Aug. 14, 1854.	50,00		4						40	12,31	
39. SOUTH NEWMARKET.												
Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.*	Feb. 15, 1855.	125,00	8	22	1			3	2	60	30,00	35,55
40. SANDWICH.												
Rev. W. P. Apthorp, *M.*	Jan. 29, 1855.		19	36							6,00	
41. SALEM.												
Rev. W. Page, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1854.	100,00	14	58	1	1	3	3		125	27,60	21,23
42. STEWARTSTOWN.												
Rev. E. F. Abbott, *M.*	Mar. 23, 1855.	42,00	13	32					1	40	9,50	
43. STODDARD.												
Rev. J. S. Gay, *s. s.*	Nov. 20, 1854.	100,00	9	45		3				75	29,25	
44. TUFTONBOROUGH.												
Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 1, 1854.		7	23							6,00	

REMARKS.

23. Some religious interest.

24. There has been a season of unusual religious interest here, and the prospects of the church have greatly improved.

25. The congregation ranges from 80 to 125. Twelve members of the church are non-resident.

26. See *Short Missions.*

27. There were at one time some indications of revival, but the blessing did not come. Some increase of the congregation the past year.

28. This mission appears to be increasingly useful and important. The congregation ranges from 100 to 200. The Sabbath school averages about 100.

29. "The general condition of this church and society," says the report, "does not very materially differ from what it was when last reported." The congregation averages about 100.

30. Meeting-house repaired. Congregation some increased. Church and society harmonious.

31. A healthful state of things continues here.

32. The congregation ranges, on pleasant days, from 80 to 100. Efforts are making to reorganize the church.

33. This church has again been added to our list, but, we trust, will soon recover its lost strength to go alone. Average congregation about 125.

34. Statistics from last year's report. This people have again assumed the whole support of the gospel, and have forwarded a vote of thanks to the Secretary.

35. Mr. Wood has retired from this place, and Mr. Merrill has taken his place and preaches about one quarter of the time. There is no church here.

36. The state of religion in this place is low indeed, "but still some indirect improvement within the year."

37. Mr. Scales sums up his report thus, "Rev. S. W. Miles is my only fellow-laborer. He preaches in this parish half of the time. Other bishops, priests and elders come not into the parish. Our youth choose to sing together, and so go from house to house. Very few of us do much good, except we may prevent evil."

38. Mr. Goodhue left in the winter. The field now destitute.

39. The society have purchased during the year nine acres of land, and erected commodious parsonage buildings upon it at an expense of about $3.000.

40. Mr. Apthorp is commissioned to perform some missionary labor here.

41. No special interest reported. The congregation averages about 125. There are 450 volumes in the Sabbath school library.

42. Mr. Abbott performed a mission here of six weeks, and labored three weeks longer at the whole expense of the people. See *Short Missions.*

43. This church, for the first time, has been taken under patronage. The report states nothing of special importance. The congregation averages 110 in fair weather.

44. This church is now destitute and in a gloomy condition.

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45. WAKEFIELD. Rev. N. Barker, *s. s.*	July 4, 1854.	100,00	9	35		1	1	1	3	72	25,00	24,00
46. WARNER. Rev. H. O. Howland, *P.*	Aug. 1, 1854.	100,00	36	125			4	3	1	100	5,00	128,81
47. WASHINGTON. Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	July 1, 1855.	125,00	7	35					4	60	10,00	
48. WILMOT. Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*	June 1, 1854.	100,00	12	30	3	3		2	1	75	15,12	2,00
49. WOLFBOROUGH. Rev. N. Barber, *P.*	April 4, 1855.	100,00	22	64						100	18,00	
50. WOLFBOROUGH NORTH. Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 5, 1855.	200,00	19	56		1		1	2	75	15,50	55,50
51. GORHAM. Rev. Edmund Burt, *M.*	July, 1855.	98,00										

REMARKS.

45. The people are repairing their house of worship. Mr. B. preaches one fourth of the time at Union Village, which is becoming a place of some importance.

46. The missionary reports nothing but statistics for our purpose.

47. Nothing of special interest reported.

48. The cause of morals and religion on the advance, but the field is the less hopeful on account of the scattered population and the several places of worship.

49. Mr. Barber was dismissed early in the spring. No report.

50. The missionary labors one quarter of the time at Ossipee Corner. The congregation at W. averages 50.

51. This is becoming an important missionary field. A village is growing up around the railroad station. As yet there is no church organization and no meeting-house. Mr. Burt will labor here about half of the time. Many of the people are interested in building up a religious society.

SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES.

The number of missionaries who have been in commission during a part or whole of the year, is 46; of whom 38 are now in commission. Of this number only 9 were pastors, 32 stated supplies, and 5 were employed on short missions of only a few weeks each. During the year one has been settled as pastor, Rev. D. Goodhue, of Danbury, and three pastors, viz., Rev. Mr. Daniel Goodwin, of Brookline, Lyman White, of Epping, and Nelson Barber, of Wolfborough, have been dismissed, leaving only 6 missionaries who still hold the pastoral office on our field. Three stated supplies have vacated their fields, one of which has been again supplied by another missionary. Three missionaries have labored equally in two towns, and two have performed some missionary labor in destitute towns adjoining their principal fields.

CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

Forty-eight churches have been under the patronage of the Society during a part or whole of the year. Missionaries have been sent to Lee, Ossipee-Corner and Gorham, where there are no organized churches connected with our denomination, making the whole number of missionary fields for the year, 51.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The whole number added to the churches which have been aided during the year, is 87, viz.: 47 by profession and 40 by letter. The whole number of removals is 98, viz.: 38 by death and 60 by letter, which shows a net loss of 11 members. The whole number of members connected with 46 churches is 2.114; of whom 661—or something less than one third—are males, and 1.453 are females. Contributions for Home Missions from 45 congregations have amounted to $760,21; and from 26 churches $888,67 have been reported to have been contributed to other objects, making the whole amount of benevolent contributions $1.548,88.

Sabbath schools are reported in all the congregations save one, in

which there are churches. The whole number of pupils connected with them is 3.324.

STATE OF MORALS AND RELIGION.

From the general tone of the reports of the missionaries, we learn that the state of religion among our feeble churches during the year has somewhat fallen below the standard of the previous year. Yet in a few congregations there has been some revival interest, the most important of which was in Lancaster, where there was greater attention to the things of religion, during the winter, than had been experienced there for many years. Seventeen missionaries report in all, 48 cases of hopeful conversions.

SHORT MISSIONS.

Mr. G. H. Becker and Mr. Alfred Lawton, both members of the senior class in the Theological Seminary, Andover, were employed as our missionaries during their spring vacation of six weeks—the former to labor in Lee, Strafford county, and the latter to labor in Dalton, Coos county. The Rev. E. F. Abbott, late of Deerfield, but now residing at Andover, Mass., was also employed about the same time, to labor six weeks in Stewartstown, Coos county.

The following extracts from the reports of these brethren will show the character of the fields they occupied; Mr. Becker, concerning Lee, writes:

I came here on Friday, March 23d, and expect to remain until next Monday, which will include the six Sabbaths of my commission. I have spent the most of the three past weeks visiting from house to house, and talking with the people. One prominent object I have had in view was to devise some way by which they could have constant preaching in this place, by a minister who should take up his abode with the people, and be one of their number. This they need very much—more than any one can realize who has not lived among them. Children are growing up here with no religious influence. Some I have found, ten and twelve years of age, who have never been in the Sabbath school or in a meeting-house. True, it is to be hoped that there are not many such. But there are many, very many men, women and children, who do not enter the house of God once in five or ten years. Drunkenness and Sabbath-breaking prevail to a fearful extent, and we need not expect much else from many of the present generation, nor of the next, unless something is done to stay the progress of vice very soon.

"There is another class, of sober men—good citizens and neighbors—who respect religion and morality; who sometimes attend meeting, when convenient and it costs little or no effort, but know little or nothing of religion, and are not much troubled because they do not. They will pay for the support of a minister, and throw

their influence on the side of good order; but further they say not, and we fear care not.

"But there are a few who are really mourning over these waste places—very few indeed, but it is cheering to find a few such in the midst of the moral waste. They are the salt who may yet save the mass from utter destruction. There is, and has been for several years past an utter prostration of every thing of the name of a religious denomination. Different *isms* have been tried, but all have failed and are broken up. The Christian Baptists have been most prominent, and are now most numerous.

"The Missionaries you have sent here for four or five years past, have done much to conciliate the people, and I hope prepare the way for a favorable change in things here—so much so that I have much reason to hope that the Calvinistic Baptists, the Methodists, and some of the Christian Baptists, will unite with the Congregationalists, in having a minister for the coming year, beginning with next August. To bring this about I have labored hard. I have tried to show them the importance of having a minister living and laboring with them all the time; that by uniting they would get as much, or nearly as much preaching of their own denomination as they do now by way of exchange, and that they would have the benefits of Sabbath schools and weekly meetings."

Mr. Lawton reports his labors in Dalton as follows:

"When I reached Dalton the church had been without regular preaching for three months. The people received me very kindly, and by their acts manifested their interest in the work which I was sent among them to do. At every service more attended than could have been expected, when we take into account the bad state of the roads during the whole of my stay. The congregation increased every Sabbath. Good attention was given to the word preached, and there were indications that it was a blessing to some. I did nothing toward organizing the Sabbath school, because there were those in the church who could do it just as well, and they will do it as soon as the season is far enough advanced to permit the children to attend. A very interesting school of 125 scholars has been maintained two years past. Much was done for this by the Rev. Mr. Blake, their former minister.

"Dalton should be supplied with a minister from our body. Ours is much the largest church in the place. The only other is a small Methodist church, nearly all of whom, if not all, attend our services. They have no meeting-house, have had no regular preaching for some years, and rarely any occasional services. There are many intelligent and substantial men, who are regular attendants on our services, and who would aid in supporting a minister. From them a faithful preacher could expect some fruit of his labors. Beside these there are many who never attend meeting. Some are Universalists, but by far the larger part are indifferent—living without God. Many of these—perhaps the larger part—are moral men. By a blessing on faithful labor they might be brought to Christ. Whoever

goes there will be sure of earnest co-operation by the church, and he will have a church to fall back on, which, so far as I could see, has the respect of all. The men who have done so much there in times past to advance pure religion, and who are now doing, and are desirous of doing yet more, should not be left alone. They will receive a minister with open hands, and aid him in every way in their power. I hope the trustees will be able immediately to supply this field with an earnest laborer."

Concerning Stewartstown church Mr. Abbott says:

"The church in this place consists of 13 males and 19 females; total, 32. No change the past year, except the dismission of one member. They have had no regular preaching during the year from any clergyman of our denomination. One brother preached 3 or 4 Sabbaths in the winter. They have some Methodist preaching. When destitute of a minister the church have kept up meeting by reading sermons. I have been supplying them since the first Sabbath in April. Have visited all the families as far as my congregation extended. Have been very kindly received, and found the people ready to converse on the subject of religion. Have distributed tracts and sold testaments to considerable extent. The Sabbath school has been reorganized, and consists of about 40 members. They have purchased some new question books, and a new library of between 60 and 70 volumes. I discover but little intemperance here, and the morals of the people are quite good. At first the congregation consisted of 35 only, but as the traveling improved it increased to 100 or over.

"There is a comfortable meeting-house here, with a bell upon it; and could this people enjoy statedly the means of grace, no doubt great and good results would follow. The audience are quiet and attentive. They appear deeply interested. We think there has been some awakening among the young.

"That the Lord may send this people a minister after his own heart, and attend his labors with the special energies of the Holy Ghost, is the sincere desire and humble prayer of your unworthy servant, E. ABBOTT."

The amount of labor performed by these missionaries was eighteen weeks, and cost the Society $126.

ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES IN REGARD TO AN AGENCY.

It is well known to the Society that for twenty years the trustees have appointed its secretary their financial and general agent, except the short interval from the anniversary, in 1844, to their semi-annual meeting, in June, 1845. The most important object of this agency has been to acquire a general and particular knowledge of the State, as a Home Missionary field, embracing the moral and pecuniary condition of the feeble churches, of their relative importance, of the causes which operate, both favorably and unfavorably, to their

prosperity, and also an acquaintance with its desolations. Another object has been to increase the funds of the Society, in all feasible ways, especially by pulpit labors on the Sabbath. As the two offices of secretary and agent have been filled by the same man, it is difficult to classify all the details of his labors, so as to distinguish accurately between those that belonged to the secretary's department and those that belonged to the agent's department. For reasons not now necessary to name, the secretary who had sustained this two-fold office seventen years, with the short interval just mentioned, declined a reëlection as agent, at the last annual meeting of the trustees. The whole subject of the agency was committed to the executive committee, who subsequently called a special meeting of the trustees, to consider it. This meeting was held in Concord, on the 11th of September, 1854, and resulted in the essential modification of the duties to be required of an agent, and in the appointment of Rev. John K. Young as agent. The main object of the agency as modified at this meeting and specified in the instructions given to Mr. Young, was to promote the moral rather than the financial interests of the cause. It was little more than establishing an informal missionary oversight of the feeble churches, especially those destitute, having at the same time a general oversight of the financial affairs of the Society. It was contemplated that the agent should spend the most of his time in visiting and preaching to the feeble churches and destitute places of the State, and that the matter of collections should be entrusted entirely to the pastors and ministers. But Mr. Young, after some months' consideration of the subject, declined the appointment.

THE SECRETARY'S SERVICES.

Beside attending to the usual duties of his department, the secretary has employed about half of the Sabbaths of the year in addressing congregations in behalf of the cause, and in visiting a few feeble churches. These labors have been voluntary. Though not authorized by any formal appointment, he trusts that the circumstances under which they were performed will excuse him the necessity of an apology.

THE TREASURY.

The balance on hand at the close of the account last year was $1.681,75. The amount of receipts during the year is $7.443,73, making the available resources of the Society for the year $9.125,52. The amount of the receipts contributed for the American Home Missionary Society is $1.740,82. In addition to this sum there has been sent directly to New-York from this State $548,61, which makes the whole amount paid into the treasury of the Parent Society $2.227,43, and the whole amount raised in the State for the cause of Home Missions, $7.992,34. The legacies received for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society during the year amount to $400, and for the American Home Missionary Society $550; total, $950. The Parent

Society has also received legacies from the State to the amount of $427,61, which makes a total of legacies for both Societies of $1.377,61.

Of the receipts into our treasury $1.467,08 were contributed by the Female Cent Institution.

By comparing the receipts of last year with those of the preceding year, we find the following results: The receipts from all sources are $1.308,44 more than they were the preceding year. Deducting the legacies they are $752,62 in advance of those reported last year. The whole sum raised for the cause of Home Missions during the year falls short of that raised the preceding year by $422,15, but deducting the legacies it exceeds that of the preceding year by $221,42. The amount received from the Cent Institution is less by $166,98 than that reported last year.

The disbursements of the year have been $6.884,58, which left a balance on hand of $2.236,90.

INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS.

On account of the diminished ability of many of the churches under patronage, and the increased expenses of living, the trustees have been solicited to increase their appropriations in several instances; and they have for these reasons found it necessary in their judgment, to comply in order to continue the preaching of the gospel on a large portion of the field. For the past two years they have granted, to some ten or twelve, sums in addition to those they formerly received, ranging from 25 to 100 per cent. If we add the amount granted to one church never before aided, and also to two churches that were formerly aided, to the increased appropriations, it will increase the liability of the Society not far from $1,000, without enlarging the field of its labors.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The twenty-ninth Annual Report of the American Home Missionary Society informs us that 1.032 missionaries were employed a part or the whole of the year, who were distributed in 27 different States and Territories. The aggregate of their labors amounted to 815 years. These missionaries have administered to 2.124 different congregations. There were connected with the Sabbath schools on missionary ground not far from 68.800 scholars. The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 609 missionaries, amounted to $27.932,67. There were added to the churches, as near as can be ascertained, 5.634; viz., 2.948 by profession, and 2.686 by letter. Forty-eight missionaries report revivals of religion. The number of hopeful conversions reported by 366 missionaries is 2.434. Sixty-six new churches were organized, and forty churches became independent of aid during the year. Sixty-one new houses of worship were completed, 38 repaired, and 52 others were in process of building.

The whole amount received into the treasury during the year was $180.136,69, which is $11.072,38 less than the receipts of the pre-

vious year. By deducting the legacies, the donations fell short of the preceding year only $2.597,58. The number of missionaries was less by 15, the number of congregations and missionary districts supplied was less by 16, and the number added to the churches was less by 391, than were reported the year before. The report goes on to say, in view of these facts:

"While the aggregate of labor, however, has been less, the diminution has been chiefly in the older States, where the necessity for missionary aid is diminished year by year, as in our frontier settlements it increases. This transfer of laborers from the East to the West has, this year, while the total in commission is smaller, actually increased by 7 the number in the Western States and Territories and on the Pacific coast. Add to this the 40 churches which have reached the condition of self-support, and the 180 laborers who have been brought in to supply, on the missionary list, the places of ministers thus sustained by their people, and the vacancies which have been occasioned by deaths and infirmities and removals; add the progress which has been made in the erection of houses of worship, in canceling church debts, in providing parsonages, in establishing academies and high schools, in promoting healthful moral reforms; the progress which has been made in every thing which relates to the external prosperity of the churches and the spiritual enlightenment and sanctification of the communities in which they shine as lights in the world; as well as the numbers also who have been brought to the foot of the cross under the outpourings of the Divine Spirit, and we have special reason to congratulate the friends of missions, and to give thanks to their great Author and Patron, that such an amount of good has been accomplished in a year of such discouragement and trial."

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. *The New-Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* BENJ. P. STONE, *Treasurer.* CR.

To balance from last year's account,.....	$1.681,75	By cash paid feeble churches and missionaries,.....	$4.571,40
To income from permanent fund,.....	109,78	By cash paid the American Home Missionary Society,.....	1.740,82
To donations and legacies,.....	7.333,95	By cash paid Presbyterian Church in Litchfield, per order of Londonderry Presbytery,.....	150,00
		By cash paid salary of Secretary and Treasurer, last quarter of last year,.....	100,00
		By cash paid postage and expenses of do. for same time,...	20,00
		By cash paid salary of do. for three quarters of this year,	93,70
		By cash paid traveling expenses of do., $31,45; postage of do., 18,75,.....	50,20
		By cash paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing Reports,...	142,54
		By cash paid do. for printing blanks and circulars,.....	2,25
		By cash paid Treasuress of the Cent Institution,.....	15,00
		By cash paid Cheney & Co's Express, for freight,.....	1,62
		By counterfeit money,.....	1,00
		By balance carried to new account,.....	2.236,90
Total receipts,.....	$9.125,48	Total disbursements,.....	$9.125,48

I have examined the account of B. P. Stone, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for the past year, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and that there is a balance in his hands of two thousand, two hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety cents, ($2.236,90.)

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, August 21, 1855.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1855.

Acworth—Cong. ch. and so., ... $30,00

Amherst—Cong. ch. and so., 15; do. Benevolent As. for the A. H. M. S., 60,45; Aaron Lawrence, in part to constitute Carmelia M. and Annice M., life members of the A. H. M. S., 20; 95,45

Andover—Rev. N. Howard, ... 3,00

Anson, Me.—Mrs. R. G. Stanwood, for the A. H. M. S., ... 3,00

Antrim—Presby. ch. and so., ... 17,00

Auburn—Cong. " 10,00

Bath— " " 15,00

Barnstead—Cong. " 3,00

Bedford—Pres. " 100,00

Bennington—Cong. " 30,00

Bethlehem— " " 1,00

Boscawen— " " 24,00

Brentwood— " " 5,00

Bristol— " " 11,65

Brookline—Cong. ch. and so., 19; Calvin Shedd, in part to con. John C. Shedd life mem. of the A. H. M. S., 10; 29,00

Canaan—Cong. ch. and so., 22; Mrs. Sarah Harris, in full, to con. her husband, George Harris, life member, 10; 32,00

Campton—Cong. ch. and so., 22,50; Dr. Jesse A. Sanborn and wife life members, 10; David Bartlett, for A. H. M. S., 3; . . 35,50

Candia—Cong. ch. and so. to con. Rev. W. T. Herrick, 42; do. to con. Mrs. Herrick life member, 60; 102,00

Center Harbor—Cong. ch. and so., 18; Ladies' Sewing Circle, 12; both to con. Mrs. Lydia Brown life member, ... 30,00

Canterbury—Cong. ch. and so., ... 17,68

Charlestown—Cong. ch. and so., 22; George S. Abbott, 5; 27,00

Chichester—Cong. ch. and so., 3,07; do. for A. H. M. S., 10; . . . 13,07

Chester—Cong. ch. and so., 51; John W. Noyes, to con. his wife, Mrs. Harriet S. Noyes, life mem., 30; 81,00

Claremont—Cong. ch. and so., ... 11,80

Concord—First Cong. ch. and so., 107,50; do. monthly concert, 19,05; legacy of Abiel Walker for the A. H. M. S., 500; . . 626,55

Concord, East—Cong. ch. and so., 4,68; Rev. H. A. Kendall, 100; Mrs. H. G. Kendall, 100, both to con. Dea. Dean, Mrs. Dean, and Asa Kendall, of Mont Vernon, Abigail Morse, of Dublin, H. Appleton Kendall, Samuel A. Kendall, of Concord, and Alvah Potter, in part, life members; Dea. John Eastman, for son, Mellen C. Eastman, life mem., 5; for Mrs. Lucinda B. Eastman, life mem., 5; and for his daughter, Jane A. Eastman, life mem., 5; 219,68

Concord—South Cong. ch. and so., 17,43; do. for A. H. M. S., 32; Rev. B. P. Stone, to con. his wife life mem. of the A. H. M. S., 30; Mrs. B. P. Stone, in part, to con. Fanny Ema Farrington life mem., 5; Rev. Henry E. Parker, 5; Mrs. Mary Farrington, 3; 87,43

Concord, West—Cong. ch. and so., 16; Rev. A. P. Tenney, in part, to con. his son, Edward P., life mem., 5; 21,00

Dartmouth College—Church, ... 14,00

Deering—Cong. ch. and so., 11; Rev. J. W. Perkins, in part, to con. his son, Louis L. Perkins, life mem., 10; legacy of Mrs. Desire Tubbs, 400; 421,00

Deerfield—Cong. ch. and so., 20; Mrs. M. Cilley, 1; 21,00

Derry—First ch., to con. Dea. Wm. Ela life mem., 30; do. to con. James Taylor L. D. of the A. H. M. S., 100; 130,00

Derry—Cong. ch. and so., 20,50; John Bradley, in full, to con. himself and wife, Mrs. C. J. Bradley, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 20; 40,50

Dover—Cong. ch. and so., 127,25; William Woodman, to con. Rebekah W. White life mem., 50; 177,25

Dunbarton—Cong. ch. and so., ... 14,20

Durham—Cong. ch. and so., ... 31,00

East Jaffrey—Cong. ch. and so., ... 9,00

East Thetford, Vt.—Rev. D. Pulsifer, ... 2,00

Epping—Cong. ch. and so., monthly concert, ... 7,35

Epsom—Cong. ch. and so., ... 16,00

Exeter—Second Cong. ch. and so., ... 86,94

Farmington—Cong. ch. and so., ... 20,25

Fitzwilliam—Cong. ch. and so., 18,06; Rev. John Woods, in full, to con. his son, Edward P. Woods, life mem., 5; Dexter Whittemore, to con. Mrs. Caroline Whittemore life mem. of A. H. M. S., 30; Thomas P. Whittemore, in part, to con. Mrs. Otossa F. Whittemore life mem. of A. H. M. S., 5; 58,06

Francestown—Cong. ch. and so., 4,50; do., in part to con. Dea. S. Starrett life mem., 26; in full, to con. the same life mem., 18; 34,50

Franconia—Cong. ch. and so., ... 1,25

Franklin—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Thomas D. Woodford life mem., 30,00

Gilmanton Center—Cong. ch. and so., 25,74; Rev. R. M. Sargent, annual subscription, 4; 29,74

Gilmanton Iron Works—Cong. ch., in part, to con. Mrs. Mary Page life member, ... 10,00

Gilsum—Cong. ch. and so., ... 19,45

Goshen—Cong. ch. and so., in part, to con. Mrs. Eunice F. Richardson life mem., ... 12,00

Greenfield—Evan. ch. and so., 3; a lady, 9; 12,00
Great Falls—Cong. ch. and so., to con. C. B. Carter and Ann M. James life mems., ... 95,00
Groton—Cong. ch. and so., ... 3,50
Hampstead—Ladies' Char. So., to con. Rev. J. M. C. Bartlett life mem. A. H. M. S., ... 30,00
Harrisville—Cong. ch. and so., ... 11,25
Haverhill—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Samuel Page, Michael Carleton and Geo. S. Stevens life mems., 100; Mrs. Mary P. Webster, to con. Mrs. Sophronia Bean, of Lyman, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 30; do. Mrs. Webster, to con. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Emerson, of Piermont, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 30; 160,00
Hebron—Cong. ch. and so., ... 5,50
Henniker—Cong. ch. and so., 60, of which to con. Warner S. Childs and John Peters life mems. of A. H. M. S., 73,37; John K. Conner, in part, life mem., 15,13; 88,50
Hillsborough—Mrs. Sally Childs' legacy for A. H. M. S., 50; Bridge Cong. ch. and so., in full, to con. Hon. Jacob Whittemore life mem., ... 58,00
Hollis—Cong. ch. and so., 36,80; do. for the A. H. M. S., 50,35; . . 87,15
Hopkinton—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Mrs. Eliza Ann Smith and Mrs. Hannah Conner Flanders life mems. of A. H. M. S., . 57,50
Hudson—Cong. ch. and so., ... 4,50
Jaffrey—Home Missionary Society, ... 10,75
Keene—Gent. Asso. for A. H. M. S., 29,50; Daniel Adams, in full, to Mrs. Asa Kendall life mem. of A. H. M. S., 15; Gent. collection, 44,75; Monthly Concert, 23,44; Dea. Stewart Hastings, in full, to con. his wife, Mrs. S. Hastings, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 10; 122,65
Langdon—Cong. ch. and so., two payments, ... 16,87
Lempster—Cong. ch. and so., ... 9,00
Littleton—Cong. ch. and so., in full, to con. Rev. E. J. Carpenter life mem., the balance, 3; to con., in part, Dea. John Merrill life mem., 13; Abijah Allen, an. sub., 2; Sylvanus Balch, 10; Alvan Griggs, an. sub., 2; 27,00
Londonderry—Pres. ch. and so., ... 16,04
Loudon Village—Cong. ch. and so., ... 27,00
Lyndeborough—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Oliver Bixby life mem. of A. H. M. S., ... 44,60
Lyme—Cong. ch. and so., 94; Rev. E. Tenney, in part, to con. his son, Roger M. Tenney, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 10; a friend, to con. Mrs. Sarah Baker, of Lyme, and Mrs. Fanny Ball, of Grand Rapids, Ill., life directors of A. H. M. S., 200; 304,00
Marlborough—Cong. ch. and so. for the A. H. M. S., ... 18,00
Manchester—First Cong. ch. and so., to con. Dea. Nahum Baldwin, Dea. Daniel Farmer, Hiram Brown and Henry Lancaster, life mems., 126,50; do. last year's collection, 158; . . . 284,50
Mason Center—Cong. ch. and so., ... 15,00

Meredith Bridge, (Laconia)—Cong. ch. and so., ... 21,00

Meredith Village—Cong. ch. and so., 29,70; Mrs. Susan H. Sanborn, an. sub., 2; avails of a share in B., C. & M. Railroad, which was a legacy of Miss Jewett, 12; 43,70

Meriden—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Henry M. Scales life mem., . . 60,00

Merrimack—Cong. ch. and so., ... 39,30

Mont-Vernon—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Miss Elizabeth D. Cloutman life mem., 40,38; Mrs. A. E. Starrett, 2d install., to con. life mem. of A. H. M. S., 10; Timothy Kittredge, 5th install., to con. his daughter, Mary E., life mem., 5; Wm. H. Conant, 2d install., for life mem., 5; C. B. Southworth, 5; Rev. C. D. Herbert and wife, 5; 70,38

Monument, Mass.—Rev. E. Dow, in full, life mem. of A. H. M. S., . . 25,00

Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha H. Dodge, an. sub., ... 2,00

Nashua—Pearl street Cong. ch. and so., 30, of which to con. Rev. E. E. Adams life mem., 123; John C. Blunt, in full, life mem. of A. H. M. S., 20; 143,00

New-Alstead—Monthly Concert, ... 6,00

Newport—Rev. John Woods, assignee of Carpenter fund, in part, to con. Frederick Claggett life mem., ... 23,80

North Wolfborough—Rev. Stephen Merrill, in part, to con. his wife, Mrs. Clarrissa E. Merrill, life mem., ... 10,00

Orford—West Cong. ch. and so., for A. H. M. S., ... 10,63

Orfordville—Cong. ch. and so., ... 16,00

Ossipee—Cong. ch. and so., 23; Thomas L. Ambrose, in part, life mem., 10; Luther D. Sawyer, in part, to con. his son life director of A. H. M. S., 5; an individual, 1; 39,00

Pembroke—Cong. ch. and so., 21,71; Mrs. Elizabeth Burnham, for the A. H. M. S., 5; 26,71

Peterborough—An individual, 5; Rev. Daniel McClenning, ... 6,00

Pittsfield—Cong. ch. and so., 31,79; R. L. French, in part, to con. his daughter, Laura C. French, life mem., 5; Dea. J. L. Thorndike, life mem., 4; do. for the A. H. M. S., 10; 46,79

Plainfield—Cong. ch. and so., ... 12,00

Plaistow and North-Haverhill—Cong. ch. and so., to con. Hiram Carlton life mem. of the A. H. M. S., ... 42,63

Plymouth—Cong. ch. and so., 48; Wm. W. Russell, in full, to con. his daughter, Ellen A., and his son, Frank W. Russell, life mems., 25; Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, in part, to con. his nephew, Edward J. Tucker, life mem., 12; Dr. Samuel Long, in part, to con. his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Long, life mem., 5; Jas. McQuestion, life mem., 5; Mrs. Mary B. Kenniston, to con. her daughter, Martha J., life mem., 30; Lemuel Merrill, a sick bed gift, to con. his wife, Mrs. Abna B. Merrill, life mem., 30; 155,00

Rindge—Female Aux. Home Missionary Society, 28,48; J. B. Breed, 10; Mrs. Ruth Brown, 1; First Cong. ch. and so., for A. H. M. S., 20; a friend, for the A. H. M. S., 20; Mrs. Cynthia Brown, for A. H. M. S., 5; 84,48

Raymond—Cong. ch. and so., ... 19,21
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Stoddard—Cong. ch. and so., in part, to con. —— —— life mem., 14,25; Ladies' Char. So., 15; 29,25
Sullivan—Cong. ch. and so., ... 28,16
Swanzey—Cong. ch. and so., 11; Rev. E. Rockwood, in full, to con. Mrs. Mary Pool, Danvers, Mass., life mem. of A. H. M. S., 15; Monthly Concert, 13,65; 39,65
Tamworth—Cong. ch. and so., for the West, 13; of which, in full, to con. Mrs. Betsey Marston life mem., and 18,48, in part, to con. —— —— life mem., ... 31,48
Temple—Cong. ch. and so., ... 14,00
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Windham—Pres. ch. and so., ... 41,00

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PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.	YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51,63	1829—Newport,	2.416,71
1802—Concord,	386,63	1830—Portsmouth,	2.479,86
1803—Concord,	300,46	1831—Concord,	2.371,34
1804—Concord,	405,09	1832—Amherst,	5.820,75
1805—Hopkinton,	602,84	1833—Keene,	5.670,66
1806—Hopkinton,	611,49	1834—Meredith Bridge,	4.843,24
1807—Hopkinton,	600,66	1835—Plymouth,	7.795,24
1808—Concord,	1.290,48	1836—Exeter,	4.942,02
1809—Concord,	735,92	1837—Claremont,	5.506,14
1810—Concord,	1.288,27	1838—New-Ipswich,	5.224,37
1811—Dunbarton,	953,92	1839—Lyme,	5.224,37
1812—Hollis,	1.520,68	1840—Hampton,	4.839,40
1813—Plymouth,	932,27	1841—Francestown,	5.031,74
1814—Hanover,	2.638,90	1842—Dover,	5.435,90
1815—Keene,	2.807,98	1843—Nashua,	5.830,38
1816—Concord,	2.633,36	1844—Concord, south,	7.391,36
1817—Exeter,	2.395,05	1845—Portsmouth,	4.910,27
1818—Dover,	2.427,10	1846—Newport,	9.027,15
1819—Haverhill,	2.537,21	1847—Meredith Bridge, (Laconia,)	6.554,51
1820—Portsmouth,	1.712,56	1848—Manchester, 1st church,	6.992,18
1821—New-Ipswich,	1.851,07	1849—Plymouth,	6.910,37
1822—Pembroke,	1.755,13	1850—Great Falls,	7.367,94
1823—Acworth,	1.846,20	1851—Acworth,	9.954,47
1824—Londonderry, (Derry,)	2.637,44	1852—Pittsfield,	7.896,50
1825—Lyme,	1.869,09	1853—Littleton,	10.461,21
1826—Durham,	1.872,07	1854—Derry,	8.417,53
1827—Rindge,	3.263,66	1855—Concord, 1st church,	7.992,34
1828—Salisbury,	1.951,83		

Total amount raised in fifty-four years, ... $205.180,76

Of this sum, $44.869,21 have been expended in the West, under the direction of the American Home Missionary Society, and all since 1828, and all but $4.375,61 since 1837, which is an average of $2.256 a year.

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Tenney Mrs. Benjamin, Groton
Tenney Benjamin "
Tenney Rev. Erdix, Lyme
Tenney Mrs. Rebecca, Chester
Tenney Jonathan, Manchester
Titcomb Mrs. Sarah, Dover
Thompson Wm. Chs., Worcester, Ms.
*Thompson Mrs. Elizabeth, "
*Thompson Mrs. Isabelle, "
*Thatcher Rev. Orlando G., Bradford
Thompson William Coombs, "
Thompson Mrs. S. B., Worcester, Ms.
Thorndike Dea. J. L., Pittsfield,
Thorndike Mrs. J. L., "
Thurston Asa, Exeter
Thurston Asa, Hill
Tilton Jeremiah, Sanbornton Bridge
Tisdale Rev. James, Shutesbury, Ms.
Tisdale Mrs. M. C., "
Titcomb Mrs. Rebecca, West Boscawen
Thurston Mrs. Phebe, "
Tolman Mrs. Rachel D., Atkinson
Tolman Rev. Samuel H., "
Tolman Rev. Samuel H., jr., Bath, Me.
Towne Samuel, Keene
Towne Ezra Carter, Atkinson
Townsend Rev. Luther, Troy
Townsend Mrs. L. M., "
Tracy Rev. C. B., Northfield, Vt.
Tracy Mrs. Jane M., "
Trussell Jacob, Canaan
Trussell Mrs. Persis, Canaan
Tucker William, Plymouth
Tuttle Rev. Wm. G., Harrisville
Tyler Jeremiah H. C., Pelham
Tyler Jeremiah, "
Tyler Mrs. Thankful, "
Upham Mrs. Eliza W., Concord
Utley Rev. Samuel, Epping
*Vose John, Atkinson
Waitt Rev. Aaron, Andover
*Walker Rev. Charles, New-Ipswich
Walker Henry L., "
Walker Mrs. Mary C., Whitefield
Walker Jimna, Westmoreland
Walker Mrs. Mary, Bedford
Wallace Andrew, Amherst
Wallace Rev. C. W., Manchester
Wallace Mrs. Mercy, "
Wallace Mrs. Susan A., "
Ward Rev. Jonathan, Brentwood
Weare Mrs. Hannah, Acworth
Webster Mrs. Elizabeth, Hopkinton, Ms.
Webster Mrs. Sarah, Plymouth
*Webster Rev. Josiah, Hampton
*Webster Wm. G., Concord
*Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen
Webster Nathaniel S., "
Webster Daniel C., Plymouth
Webster Mrs. Mary P., Haverhill
Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland
Wellman Mrs. Eliza, Cornish
*Wellman Rev. Jubilee, Lowell, Vt.
Wellman Rev. J. W., Derry
Welsh Joseph W., Dover
Wells Mrs. Sarah L., Hopkinton
Wells Rev. Moses H., Pittsfield
Wells Mrs. Ann P., "
Wells Rev. Theodore, Barrington
Wheeler D. B., Lempster
Wheeler Miss Anna, Keene
Wheeler Rev. Abraham, Candia
Wheeler Mrs. Elizabeth, Dover
White Rev. Lyman.
White Rev. Broughton, Ludlow, Vt.
White Rev. Henry, Foxcroft, Me.
White Mrs. Lucy S., Westmoreland
White Mrs. Ruth, Goshen
White Rebekah W., Dover
Whitman Mrs. Polly, Manchester
Whiton Rev. John M., Antrim
Whiton Mrs. Abby M., "
Whitney Pliny, Milford
Whitney Elnathan, Goffstown
Whitney Miss Betsey, Concord
Whittemore Charles P., Hancock
Whittemore Mrs. Deborah, "
Whittemore Timothy C., Bennington
Whittier Isaac, Sanbornton Bridge
Wilde Rev. John, Topsham, Me.
Wilde Mrs. Julia M., "
Wilder Mrs. Abijah, Keene
Wilder Mrs. Azel, "
Willey Miss Miriam, Campton
Willey Mrs. C. E. K., Loudon Village
Willey Rev. Benjamin G., Sumner, Me.
Willey Rachel, "
Willey Jacob M., "
Willey Rev. Isaac, Goffstown
Willey Mrs. Isaac, "
Williams Rev. William, Salem, Ms.

Wilkins Mrs. Anne, Dunbarton
*Wingate Mrs. Elizabeth, Stratham
Wingate Aaron, Weare
Winslow Rev. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.
Winslow Mrs. Sarah W., "
*Winter Rev. John S., Ossipee
Wright Mrs. Dorcas, Dunstable
Wright Jotham T., Hollis
Wood Dea. Stephen, "
*Wood Rev. Samuel, Boscawen
*Wood Mrs. Eunice, "
Wood Rev. Henry, Hanover
Wood Amasa, Alstead
Wood Rev. Horace, Ossipee
*Wood Joseph L., West-Lebanon
Wood Mrs. S. A., Ossipee
Woods Rev. John, Newport
Woods Mrs. John, "
Woods John, jr., "
Woods Charles H., "
Woods Edward P., "
Woodbury Mrs. P. P., Bedford
Woodman William, Dover
Woodman Mrs. R. E., "
Woodman Mrs. P. W., Winchester, Ms.
Woodman Mrs. Hannah C., Dover
Wright Mrs. Lucia L., Acworth
Wyman Sarah, Cornish
Young Rev. John K., Laconia
Young Mrs. Mary W., "
Young Rev. Jere. S., So. Andover, Ms.
Young Harriet F., "

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of the society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. The officers of the society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, to be chosen annually, and nine Trustees, to be chosen triennially, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot; and the president, vice-president, and secretary, shall be trustees ex-officio.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and in his absence the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the eldest man of the trustees present, to preside in all meetings of the society and of the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society, and of the trustees,—to keep a true record of the transactions of the society, and of the trustees,—to fill out commissions for missionaries, and certificates of life members,—to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society, to lease or convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the executive committee, to make appropriations of money,—to appoint missionaries, sound, pious, able and discreet men,—to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society, they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers, which may occur between the annual meetings of the society,—to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of this society by paying two dol-

dars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify in writing a desire to withdraw. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All male life members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of the society, to invite the attention of his hearers at least once a year to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church or congregation, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer to the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by all others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any—and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister?—what part of it has been raised by the church?—how have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church or religious society, in debt?—If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source—and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society, that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made beyond the term of one year. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply by ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for

*The statement should include railroad and other stock, and all property owned out of town, as far as can be ascertained.

the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least two thirds of one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property; that is, $6,67 on $1000.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees, or the executive committee.

NOTICES.

ALL applications for aid and returns of missionaries, to be made, *post-paid*, to the secretary. Orders on the treasury drawn by the secretary. Missionaries to forward their statistical return to the secretary annually, post-paid, by the first of July. The returns to contain the number of church members, male and female, hopeful conversions, additions, removals and baptisms, within the year; also the number of sabbath school and bible class pupils, the amount contributed to each object of benevolence, and the state of morals and religion.

Rev. Messrs. TENNY, BOUTON, PARKER, STONE, of Concord, and YOUNG, of Laconia, *Executive Committee.*

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, IN EXETER,

AUGUST 28, 1856.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

AGREEABLY to notice, the Society met for business in the Vestry of the First Church, at Exeter, August 28, at 9 o'clock, A. M.; but there not being a sufficient number present for the transaction of business, the Society adjourned to meet at the audience room of the church immediately after the close of the anniversary exercises. The Society met according to adjournment and elected the following board of officers:

Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, *President.*
Rev. DANIEL J. NOYES, D. D., Hanover, *Vice-President.*
Rev. BENJAMIN P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Secretary and Treasurer.*
L. D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees:

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Hillsborough Bridge; Rev. A. P. Tenney, West Concord; Rev. John H. Merrill, Tamworth.

Trustees elected in 1855:	*Trustees elected in* 1854:
Rev. John K. Young, Laconia;	Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett, Manchester;
Rev. A. Tobey, Durham;	Rev. Henry E. Parker, Concord;
Rev. E. Irving Carpenter, Littleton.	Rev. William R. Jewett, Plymouth.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That there are means intrusted to the members of our churches by the Owner of us all, for the adequate support of their missionaries.

Resolved, That the Trustees be instructed to make special endeavors during the ensuing year, to raise an amount sufficient to maintain comfortably their missionaries.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Secretary.*

PUBLIC MEETING.

The *fifty-fifth* anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held in the First Congregational Meeting-house, at Exeter, August 28,—the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ephraim Adams, of Iowa. Extracts from the Report of the Trustees were read by the Secretary; after which the audience was addressed by Rev. William Clark, Missionary Agent; Rev. Mr. Secomb, of St. Anthony, Minnesota Territory, and the Rev. Mr. Leo, of New-York. The latter gentleman introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work which the Home Missionary Society aims to perform is eminently worthy to receive the support of all who wish to see the real welfare of this country advanced.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, it becomes us to thank God that he has preserved the lives of all the officers and missionaries of the Society during the past year, and that he has enabled them to prosecute their labors in the enjoyment of the ordinary blessings of his Providence.

The various topics of our Report are arranged under their appropriate heads, as follows.

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Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals, &c.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
1. ALTON. Rev. Franklin Davis, *s. s.*	Oct. 22, 1855.	150,00										
2. BETHLEHEM. Rev. Thomas Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1855.	100,00	11	39						65		
3. BRADFORD. Rev. Carey Russell, *s. s.*	Nov. 12, 1855.	100,00	15	46	2				2		13,06	9,20
4. CANAAN. Rev. M. Gerould, *s. s.*	Aug. 20, 1856.	200,00	13	38			2		2		12,00	
5. CENTER-HARBOR. Rev. A. Benson, *P.*	Sept. 1, 1855.	100,00	17	50		3	2		1	67	30,00	20,00
6. CHARLESTOWN. Rev. W. Wright, *P.*	Nov. 10, 1854.											
Rev. John G. Wilson, *s. s.*	April 6, 1856.	200,00	13	51				1		56		
7. CONWAY. Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*		100,00	15	47	2	2		1	1			
8. DANBURY. Rev. D. Goodhue, *P.*	March 1, 1856.	150,00	22	48	2	2			1	100	18,23	15,00
9. DEERING. Rev. J. W. Perkins, *s. s.*	June 10, 1854.	100,00	11	37	2	2	3	4		35	4,40	13,00
10. DORCHESTER. Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	June 10, 1855.	38,50	5	17								
11. DUBLIN. Rev. E. F. Abbott, *s. s.*	Sept. 10, 1855.	37,50	12	36						60		
12. FRANCONIA. Rev. T. Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1855.	75,00	4	13						75		
13. GILSUM. Rev. E. Adams, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1856.	75,00	14	42					1	86	30,55	66,00
14. GORHAM. Rev. E. Burt, *s. s.*	July, 1856.	55,00										
15. GOSHEN. Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.*	March 15, 1856.	150,00	20	54						40	16,00	27,00
16. GREAT FALLS. Rev. Elias Chapman, *s. s.*		200,00										
17. GROTON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1856.	62,50	13	30						70	5,00	
18. HEBRON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1856.	62,50	6	27						110	6,00	
19. HOOKSETT. Rev. William A. Fobes, *s. s.*	June 1, 1856.	100,00		40								
20. HUDSON. Rev. D. L. French, *s. s.*	Nov. 6, 1856.	125,00	23	69	2	2			1	75	21,00	15,00
21. LANCASTER. Rev. E. Chamberlain, *s. s.*	Sept. 11, 1854.	200,00	12	79								
Rev. Preston Fay, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1855.											
22. LANGDON. Rev. C. Taylor, *s. s.*	Sept. 1, 1854.	150,00	13	41	1	1	1		2	72	18,50	13,94
Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.*	March 15, 1856.											

REMARKS.

1. Mr. D. left the field early in the spring.

2. This place is united with Franconia in the support of the Gospel. No essential change.

3. No change of special interest from last year.

4. Six of the church are non-residents, and six others are too aged to attend public worship. The congregation averages about 75. The report speaks discouragingly of the present state and prosperity of this old missionary field.

5. Thirteen non-residents. Congregation ranges from 75 to 100. The peace of this church has been somewhat broken by dissension. Congregational singing has been adopted with good effect.

6. Rev. Mr. Wright has been dismissed. Mr. Wilson says in his report, "Some things look encouraging, others discouraging."

7. This church has been several years destitute. A new house of worship has been built at North Conway, which is well filled, and the state of things is quite hopeful.

8. Mr. G. reports that he has made about 200 visits, and attended three services on the Sabbath. The congregation ranges from 80 to 160. Though the state of things is encouraging, there is yet more or less infidelity, slander, profanity, Sabbath-breaking and illegal rum-selling in town.

9. There has been no special change during the year.

10. This field is now destitute.

11. Mr. A. has been installed over the church. He still labors there, but not in commission. No report.

12. The missionary at Bethlehem labors here one half of the time.

13. The general aspect of the church and society about the same as usual. The congregation averages 100, and rather larger than in previous years.

14. Mr. B. labors in this place one fourth of the time. There is no church nor house of worship in the place.

15. The state of things in this place remains about the same as it has been in years passed.

16. A congregation has been gathered with a view of building up a second church and society. The prospects are encouraging.

17. This place and Hebron have always constituted one missionary field. The last report represents that there has been a good degree of external prosperity. No intoxicating liquors are illegally sold.

18. The congregation here is composed of three several denominations.

19. Mr. Fobes was ordained pastor of the church in the spring. A parsonage is now building.

20. The report speaks of improvement in morals and of attendance upon public worship.

21. We have received no report from this place.

22. Ten non-residents. The congregation is rather increasing, and the state of things is hopeful.

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23. LEE.												
Mr. Mason Moore, *s. s.*	Aug. 4, 1856.	200,00								40		
24. LOUDON VILLAGE.												
Rev. C. Willey, *s. s.*	April 15, 1856.	100,00	13	14	4					65	30,00	35,00
25. MANCHESTER CITY.												
Rev. T. P. Sawin, *P.*	April 1, 1855.	150,00	5	40								
Rev. Lyman Marshall.	April 1, 1856.											
26. MASON.												
Rev. J. L. Arms, *P.*	March 1, 1856.	150,00	49	104	3		9		5	75	12,25	26,07
27. MEREDITH VILLAGE.												
Rev. E. C. Farwell, *s. s.*	Nov. 27, 1854.	150,00										
Mr. I. F. Holton, *s. s.*	Dec. 1, 1855.	130,00										
28. MERRIMACK SOUTH.												
Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	May 28, 1856.		13	44	2	3			2	55	16,71	6,00
29. MOULTONBOROUGH.												
Rev. W. P. Apthorp, *s. s.*	Jan. 29, 1855.	150,00		30								
Mr. James Tarlton.	July 7, 1856.											
30. NEW-ALSTEAD.												
Rev. B. Smith, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1856.	100,00	43	112				1	9	100	6,00	54,00
31. NEWMARKET.												
Rev. James M. Palmer.	May 1, 1856.											
32. OSSIPEE CORNER.												
Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 3, 1856.	50,00										
33. PAPER-MILL VILLAGE.												
Rev. B. Ober, *s. s.*	May 1, 1856.	150,00	6	27					2	30	14,00	14,00
34. PLAINFIELD.												
Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.*	Oct. 10, 1855.	100,00	7	35				1		30	17,00	
35. ROXBURY.												
Rev. S. S. Arnold.	June 20, 1856.	100,00	8	17								
36. SOUTH NEWMARKET.												
Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.*	Feb. 15, 1856.	125,00	8	29	1					60	29,70	26,35
37. SALEM.												
Rev. W. Page, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1855.	100,00	13	55				2		100	26,23	22,98
38. STODDARD.												
Rev. J. S. Gay, *s. s.*	Nov. 20, 1856.	100,00	7	39		1		3	4	70	13,79	27,81
39. WAKEFIELD.												
Rev. N. Barker, *s. s.*	July 4, 1856.	100,00	9	33				2		75	30,00	14,00
40. WARNER.												
Rev. H. O. Howland, *P.*	Aug. 1, 1856.	100,00	34	117	2		1	4	5	100	63,90	66,55
41. WASHINGTON.												
Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	July 1, 1856.	150,00	6	35						70	5,00	40,00
42. WILMOT.												
Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*	June 1, 1855.	100,00	12	30						75		
43. WOLFBOROUGH.												
Rev. Sumner Clark.	June 1, 1856.	150,00										
44. WOLFBOROUGH, NORTH.												
Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 4, 1856.	150,00	19	53				4				

REMARKS.

23. Except two or three ladies, there were no Congregational people in Lee. Mr. M. is well received, and we trust his labors will turn to a good account. From 75 to 100 attend his meetings on the Sabbath.

24. Twelve non-residents. Most of the members of the church are aged. Congregation ranges from 70 to 130 in fair weather. There is a large population that never attend public worship.

25. Mr. Sawin has left the field, which is again supplied.

26. The report speaks of a low state of religion, but otherwise of no particular discouragement.

27. No report has been received.

28. Nothing of special interest is reported.

29. Mr. A. left before his commission expired. A new church was formed before he left, with members from the old church. No special interest is reported.

30. The pastor expresses the opinion that less aid will soon be needed. Things are in a prosperous train.

31. After two years' independence this church has been compelled by reduced ability to return to the Society for aid.

32. Rev. Mr. Merrill, of North Wolfborough, preaches one quarter of the time at this place. No church organization, but a few members of other churches reside in the place.

33. There is a strong current of opposing influences in this place, which make it a difficult but important field of labor. Congregation from 80 to 90. Eleven of the church are non-residents.

34. We are still obliged to report a discouraging state of things on this field. Eleven of the church are non-resident members. Only three males are on the ground.

35. This church is again supplied—having been destitute some time. No report.

36. The report speaks of a comfortable state of things.

37. Non-resident members, 11. Nothing of special interest reported.

38. No essential change in the aspect of things.

39. There is no marked change reported. The meeting-house is undergoing repairs. Mr. B. preaches in two places; viz., at the Corner and Union Village.

40. The meeting-house has been renovated. Sabbath congregation increasing.

41. With respect to the support of the Gospel the prospect is growing darker every year, but the youthful character of the congregation of about 70 makes Washington a place of hope.

42. Mr. K. has removed to another field. The church is now destitute.

43. No special report.

44. Mr. M. labors here three fourths of his time, and the other fourth at Ossipee Corner.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries.

Forty-seven Missionaries have been in commission during a part or whole of the year, of whom 39 are now in commission, including the General Missionary Agent. Two pastors have been dismissed and two settled during the year. The pastors dismissed were Rev. T. P. Sawin, of the City Mission in Manchester, and Rev. Worthington Wright, of Charlestown. Those settled are Rev. Wm. A. Fobes, Hooksett, and Rev. Preston Fay, of Lancaster. The present number of pastors on our field is eight.

Churches and Congregations.

The whole number of churches and congregations that have enjoyed the labors of our Missionaries during a part or whole of the year is 44, of which 39 are now under patronage. The remainder are looking to the Society for renewed assistance, as soon as Divine Providence shall provide them with permanent laborers. No church has become independent of aid during the year. Conway, formerly aided, but for some years enabled to sustain the Gospel without help, has been compelled by reduced ability to return for aid, which has been granted. An appropriation has been made to an organization at Great Falls called the "Free Meeting Association," to enable that Association to commence a second Congregational Society, which is thought to be much needed in that thriving manufacturing village.

Statistics of the Churches.

There have been added to the Churches aided during the year, 16 by profession and 8 by letter; total, 24. The whole number of removals is 61; viz., 23 by death and 38 by letter and excommunication. Net loss, 37. The whole number of communicants connected with 37 churches is 503 males and 1154 females; total, 1657. Of this number 59 are reported as non-residents. Contributed by 23 church-

es to Home Missions, $383.32, and by 19 churches to other objects, $425.50; total contributions, $808.82. The number of pupils connected with the Missionary congregations is 1716.

State of Morals and Religion.

We have little in the reports of our Missionaries to encourage the hearts of all who are waiting for the salvation of the Lord. No one of them makes mention of a revival season, though a few speak of some special religious interest in the course of the year. Only 23 cases of hopeful conversion are reported. The churches generally have enjoyed peace among themselves, and the congregations for the most part have been sustained as well as in former years. As it respects the subject of Temperance, but little has been reported; not enough to obviate the impression that the cause has lost some ground, both in the ardor of its friends, and in the illegal traffic and use of intoxicating liquors. The reports of our Missionaries also seem to indicate that there is more Sabbath-breaking, profanity, and other immoralities practiced now than a few years ago on our field, and that the number who neglect public worship and become indifferent to all religion, is increasing. To the friends of the cause who have been laboring, praying and hoping for these many years for the redemption of our Missionary Israel, this review would indeed be disheartening were it not that there is a "residue of the Spirit" which may yet restore its wasting beauty and glory. Should it be withheld, to teach us the weakness of our own strength and the sinfulness of our human reliances, it will accomplish its purpose upon our hearts, and then shall we rejoice as we behold the salvation of the Lord.

Tracts.

We are under special obligations to the American Tract Society at Boston for a donation of Tracts to the amount of about $50, which have been distributed by our Missionaries on their several fields of labor.

Missionary Agency.

It was stated in our last Report that the Trustees had established an Agency for the purpose of promoting more effectually the moral interest of the field, both local and general, and that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to secure a man for that service. We now have the happiness to announce that the Rev. WILLIAM CLARK has been appointed an Agent of the Trustees, to visit and labor among the feeble churches and destitute of the State, and that he entered on his duties about the first of June, and has diligently prosecuted them, as will be seen by his Report, as follows:

REV. B. P. STONE, D. D., *Sec. N. H. Missionary Society:*

Dear Sir:—In compliance with instructions given me by the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, through yourself, their Secretary, I would report to them my proceedings since

entering, June 1st, on the work assigned me as their Missionary Agent.

So far as time and circumstances have allowed, I have endeavored to commence this work in earnest, with what wisdom God may grant me. I have not been sufficiently long in the field to satisfy myself in all respects as to the best mode of procedure. This can be satisfactorily ascertained only by observation and experience. My aim thus far has been:

I. To ascertain the true condition, moral and religious, of the feeble churches and destitute communities that properly come within the supervision of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society; also their pecuniary ability to support the institutions of the gospel; what they are actually doing for this object, and what they can be induced to do.

For the better accomplishment of these ends I have commenced a course of personal visitation to those churches and destitutions—passing at least a Sabbath, sometimes other days, with a feeble church or destitute people; preaching two or three times to each on subjects connected with the objects of my agency; generally holding a special meeting of the church and Society, if there be one, for familiar conversation in regard to their circumstances, moral, religious and pecuniary; for inquiring into what they are doing to support the preaching of the gospel; what they are able and disposed to do for this object; what are their prospects of growth and decay, and what the feelings of the communities about them in regard to the desirableness of a permanent ministry. I aim, also, to learn the state of Sabbath Schools, the number of children and youth in attendance, and the number who habitually neglect such schools; whether the church hold regular prayer-meetings and religious conferences; the attendance on such meetings; their contributions to religious objects; the extent of circulation of religious and missionary publications. In short, I endeavor to ascertain the true state and prospects of every church and community I visit; inquire into and note their religious and pecuniary statistics; present motives to vigorous, continued, prayerful effort to sustain a stated ministry; to assure them of the sympathy of the friends of Missions; of their prayers, and of pecuniary assistance, so far as they really need it and the Society has the means of affording it. Your agent feels it to be of great importance to impress the churches and communities he visits with a sense of Christian obligation to do *all* they can, without injuring themselves and their families, to support the ordinances of the gospel; and not to ask for assistance from the Society without absolute necessity; as they will be great gainers to do this alone, without leaning on others. I aim also to show churches and societies that it is wrong to expect or desire their pastors, or stated supplies, to labor for the same nominal support that was allowed some ten or fifteen years back, as the value of money has greatly depreciated, and the expenses of living greatly increased.

II. Another end aimed at in my visitations to the feeble churches

and destitute communities, is to ascertain the condition of churches and religious societies of other denominations, evangelical or otherwise, so as to form a correct opinion of the means of grace they enjoy. When the people of a town can hear the gospel from evangelical ministers, not of our order, and whose religious views are more in harmony with such, I do not feel that my commission requires me to labor in such community. We will rejoice that, in the good Providence of God, they have, or can have, the means of grace without our immediate instrumentality.

III. Agreeably to the instructions of the Trustees, I have endeavored to secure written pledges from all the Pastors and Stated Supplies of our Churches in this State, to present, annually, the cause of Home Missions, in a sermon or otherwise, to their respective congregations, and to take collections in aid of our Society. To this end I prepared, caused to be printed, and forwarded a brief Circular to all our Pastors and Stated Supplies, Congregational and Presbyterian, requesting their signature to a pledge to this effect, and a return of the same to myself. Most have signed the pledge and returned it. Some, however, object to signing it; not on account of an unwillingness to do what the pledge requires—for this, they assure me, they have long done, and intend to do in future—but they do not like to *pledge* themselves to any Society; some for one reason, some for another. The returns very generally show a gratifying interest in the cause of Home Missions in our State, and confidence in the management of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

In the Circular to the Pastors, above referred to, I sent a Circular to the President or other officer of the Female Cent Society, existing among the ladies of his parish, requesting their continued aid to our cause. Where no such Society now exists, I made request of the Pastor to use his influence for the formation of one through the agency of some one or more of the influential females of his church. Favorable responses have been made, to some extent, to this Circular also.

IV. In addition to the modes of effort above named, to enlist an increased interest in our cause, I have attended meetings of County Conferences and Ministerial Associations, as I have been able, and addressed ministers and others in relation to it.

I pass every Sabbath, and often portions of the week, with some one of our feeble churches, or destitute communities. Am uniformly very kindly and gratefully received. Have more applications for visits of the kind than I can make. My conviction is, that the work assigned your Agent, if in any degree properly performed, will be of great service to our feeble churches and destitutions. The sympathy thus expressed for them, and the interest shown in their religious welfare, awaken their gratitude, and inspire them with renewed courage to persevere in their efforts to secure to themselves and the communities around them the stated means of grace.

As you are aware, I have prepared from week to week a communication for the Congregational Journal, exhibiting, so far as possi-

ble, the true state of things in the Missionary churches and religious destitutions I visit. I have supposed such communications would not be unacceptable to the pastors of our Churches and the friends of Home Missions in our State. I have satisfactory evidence of not misjudging in this matter. They desire a more full and accurate knowledge of the real condition of such churches and communities; of their past ecclesiastical and religious history; of the good accomplished by our missionary efforts in their behalf, and of their prospects for the future. I hope to be able to continue to furnish similar articles for the perusal of the friends of our Domestic Missionary operations.

Since entering on my duties as your Agent, I have passed a Sabbath each with the churches in South Merrimack, Mason, Brookline, Moultonborough, Epping, Kensington, Washington, Loudon, Deering, Langdon, and Paper Mill Village. Having given full and minute statements of the condition and prospects of these churches and communities around them, in the articles furnished for the Congregational Journal, I do not deem it necessary to recapitulate here. Herewith you will find a statistical table of the Churches above named, from which their moral and pecuniary condition will appear at a glance of the eye, and be more satisfactory, probably, than a detailed account, written out.

In the prosecution of my labors I have been deeply and painfully impressed with the moral desolations of most of the towns I have visited. The churches in these towns, if any exist, are generally very feeble, not only in pecuniary means, but in moral power. The membership in these Churches is, for the most part, very small—the male members ranging from half a dozen to twenty-five and thirty; averaging only about fifteen to each church. The amount of taxable property in the Churches and Societies is but a moiety of the valuation of the town in which the Church is located; in some instances not one dollar in fifteen; in others not one in twenty; in others, still, not one in twenty-five. Two thirds to three quarters of the people in some of these towns almost never enter the sanctuary; not even those where fatal religious error is preached. Utter indifference to religion, in all its forms and aspects, characterizes the masses. How to remove this indifference, and to bring them to the house of God, is a problem not of easy solution. The only method that promises any success is personal religious visitation of Pastors and Christians to those who neglect the sanctuary. But in the present state of the feeble churches, and the ministry to such churches, it is hoping against hope, that such method will be generally adopted. Sad indeed is the conclusion to which we are driven, that they are likely to continue to live without God in the world, and to die in their sins.

Another fact deeply affects me: The very inadequate support and straitened circumstances of most of the ministers of our feeble churches. Their average salary is about $380, some have but $300, several but $350. In the matter of living, this is not much if any better than two thirds the amount ten years ago. Most obvious is it,

that such means of support to a family of from five to six members, can do little more than keep them from actual suffering. This is hardly done in some cases. Now, no argument is needed to show that ministers, in such circumstances, find great obstacles to extensive usefulness. But I am happy to state that neither they nor their families complain of their lot. All they seem to desire is such means of living as will enable them to be most useful. It is the firm conviction of your Agent that the object of our Missionary Society will not be effected, so long as its Missionaries are so inadequately supported. The friends of Home Missions in New-Hampshire are *able* to furnish means for better support. *Will* they do it? *Can* they be induced to do so? Will not the Pastors of our abler churches make the effort to bring them up to a higher standard of giving to this cause?

Another fact, in this connection, has struck your Agent. It is the effect on the *wives* of your missionaries, of their very scanty support. The straitened circumstances of their husbands often greatly impair their health, and not unfrequently break them down, and hasten their death. All this tends to depress the Pastor, very much impedes his usefulness, and in no small degree defeats the end for which our Society commission him.

Another fact: Your missionaries are greatly embarrassed and afflicted for want of a "certain dwelling-place." Generally, the feeble churches have no parsonage; no house for their minister. The consequence is, he has *no home*. He rents a house, or part of a house, for a year perhaps; but before the year closes the house is sold, or he is obliged, from other reasons, to vacate it, and seek another temporary home—not unfrequently at a distance from the place of public worship. Hence he is obliged to keep a horse and carriage, which his meagre salary scarcely enables him to do.

It will be noticed, from the above remarks, that your Agent feels the support of the Missionaries of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is altogether inadequate to a comfortable living; merely keeps them from actual suffering. The average salary of your missionaries is short of $400. This sum, it will be admitted by all, is not so good as $300 were a few years since. It should be increased. It *can* be increased. The missionary churches, in many instances, could give much more than they do. What they *can not* do, the stronger churches *can* do. *Will they do it?* The answer lies with them.

WM. CLARK.

Amherst, Aug. 15, 1856.

FEEBLE AND DESTITUTE CHURCHES IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

VISITED BY WILLIAM CLARK, FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 10, 1856.

Towns.	Population of the town or parish.	Names of pastors.	Number of members in the church.		Average attendants on public worship.	Occasional attendants.	Attendants on preaching of other denominations—evangelical.	Number in the town who habitually neglect public worship.	Number of scholars in the Sunday schools.	Valuation of the town.	Valuation of church and society.	Amount of pastor's salary.	Religious charities.	Prayer meetings, any?	State of education.	State of morals.	Prospects of the church and society.
			Males.	Total.													
Brookline,.....	718	Vacant.....	13	40	110	25	75	...400	...80	$268.333	$23.703		$75	Yes..	Good.	Fair.....	Not good.
Deering,.....	890	J. W. Perkins, *s. s.*..	12	36	100	50	50	...650	...76	396.510		$400	...	Yes..	Good.	Not good.	Not good.
Mason,.....	1626	J. L. Arms.....	49	106	125	75	75	..1000	...75	483.256	32.501	450	...	Yes..	Fair..	Not good.	Tolerable.
S. Merrimack,....	325	Daniel Sawyer, *s. s.*	11	29	75	25		...200	...30	510.840	14.000	350	15	Yes..	Fair..	Not good.	Tolerable.
Moultonborough,	1748	—— Talton, *s. s.*...	12	30	75	50		..1400	...70	337.764	17.000	400	...	None.	Fair..	Not good.	Not good.
Epping,.....	1663	Vacant.....	14	39	100	50		..1200	None.	499.941	23.000		...	None.	Fair..	Not good.	Not good.
Kensington,.....	701	Vacant.....	Extinct.			..	...150	...500	None.	255.027			...	None.	Fair..	Not good.	Not good.
Washington,....	1053	J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	6	35	100	50	...100	...700	...50	356.746	15.000	300	45	Yes..	Good	Not good.	Not good.
Loudon,.....	1600	Vacant.....	30	84	85	50	75	..1200	None.	590.890		350	...	None.	Fair..	Fair.....	Not good.
Loudon Village,.		C. Willey, *s. s.*....	12	44	85	40	...⅔s.		...60			400	75	Yes..	Fair..	Not good.	Not good.
Langdon,.....	575	E. Jennison, *s. s.*...	13	40	125	25		...400	...80	327.665		425	...	Yes..	Fair..	Fair.....	Fair.
Paper-mill Vil'ge,	300	B. Ober, *s. s.*.....	6	27	85	30		...200	...30			350	30	None.	Fair..	Not good.	Not good.

The Treasury.

The balance on hand at the close of the last account was $2,236.90. The receipts of the year are $5,668.20, of which $953.25 were contributed for the American Home Missionary Society;—leaving $4,710.14 for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. The amount of funds sent directly to the Parent Society is $1021.27; making the whole sum contributed for that Society $1,974.52, and $6,690.47 the whole sum raised in the State for the cause of Home Missions. Of this sum $788.06 were legacies: viz. $88.06 for the N. H. Missionary Society, and $700 for the American Home Missionary Society. The whole amount paid into our Treasury by the Female Cent Institution is $1479.69, which is an advance on last year's receipts of $12.61. The disbursements of the year have been $5,978.83 —leaving a balance on hand the 15th inst., of $1,921.27.

By comparing the state of the Treasury with that of the previous year, we find the following results. The total receipts have fallen off $1,780.33; that is, $787.57 for the American Home Missionary Society, and $992.96 for the N. H. Missionary Society. This is a grievous decline, but a careful analysis of the account will explain the cause. The legacies received for both Societies this year are $823.94 less than those received last year. Deducting this we find the decline of the donations has been $956.59. Twenty-four churches paid the previous year $524.18, from which nothing has been received last year. This leaves $432.41 to be accounted for. Three individuals the previous year contributed $400. If we deduct this unusual liberality, there will be wanting only $32.41 to make the receipts of last year equal to those of the preceding. Had a very few churches only contributed as much last year as they did before, it would have been our privilege to report an advance instead of a decline in our receipts. It may be thought that a neglect of so many churches to contribute to our funds indicates a general decline of interest in the Home Missionary cause. That such an inference may be wrong, it is proper to say that some of these churches made contributions directly to the American Home Missionary Society. The whole number of churches from which nothing has been received the past year is about 80. This has been about the average number of delinquent churches in past years—the number of contributors varying from 110 to 120. The Trustees have felt it their duty to listen to the urgent petitions of many of the feeble churches for increased appropriations, and the amount they have granted beyond what they have been accustomed to grant to the same churches is now about $1,200. This fact we wish the friends of the cause to remember, and also we wish them to bear in mind, that for the higher promotion of the moral and spiritual interests of the field, they have farther increased the liabilities of the Society about $800. Should the Society confine its operations to the number of churches now on the list, and to those to whom assistance may be renewed as soon as they shall obtain a preached gospel, its annual liabilities can not fall but little if any short of $6000, which is not far from $1400 less

than its income from donations, legacies, and permanent fund the past year. Were all that is raised in the State for the cause of Home Missions placed at the disposal of the Trustees, they would doubtless be able to proceed in their work without embarrassment, but this can not be expected. Large amounts will continue, as they have done in years past, to flow into the treasury of the American Home Missionary Society. It is evident, therefore, that without a greatly increased scale of contribution to our funds, the Society will soon be much embarrassed, and will be without the means of redeeming many of its pledges.

American Home Missionary Society.

We learn from the Thirtieth Annual Report of this Society, that the whole number of ministerial laborers in its service during the year was 986, who were distributed in 24 States and Territories. Of this number, 276 were in the New-England States, 198 in the Middle States, 8 in the Southern States, and 504 in the Western States, including 21 on the Pacific coast. The aggregate amount of labor performed is 775 years. The whole number of churches and congregations, or missionary stations which were fully supplied, or enjoyed the preached gospel at stated intervals, is 1965. With these churches and congregations were connected about 60,000 Sabbath School pupils. Revivals of religion were reported by 50 missionaries, and the whole number of hopeful conversions reported by 352 Missionaries is 2,005. The whole number of additions to the churches reported, is 5,602: viz., 2,625 by profession, and 2,977 by letter. *Fifty-six* new churches have been organized, and *fifty* have become independent of farther missionary aid. *Forty-eight* houses of worship have been completed, *thirty* repaired, and *fifty-six* were in process of building.

The receipts for the year were $193,548.37, which exceeded those of the preceding year by $13,411.68. Alluding to the labors of the Society for the past thirty years, the Report says:

"In prosecuting this work it has collected and disbursed $3,102,048.77. The number of laborers under its commission in a single year has increased from 169 to 986; its yearly income from $18,140.76 to $193,548.37, and the fields occupied from 196 to 1,965. Under its direction 17,296 years of ministerial service have been performed; the Gospel has been proclaimed at about 4,300 stations, in thirty-six States and Territories, and 137,941 souls have been gathered into churches receiving its aid. About 1000 churches, reared by its labors, have passed from the list of its beneficiaries to that of its patrons; and among them are some of the most prominent and useful churches in the land. From tender plants, in this brief period they have become Cedars of Lebanon. They stand, thickly planted, among the rugged hills of New-England; along the great thoroughfares of travel and traffic that penetrate the interior; in the commercial centers that line the shores of our mediterranean

waters; on the river sides and over the broad prairies of the remoter West, and in the rising cities of our Pacific borders. On no field of evangelical effort has the promise been more strikingly fulfilled:—*"There shall be a handfull of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon."*

Lessons of Duty learned from the Past.

That their anticipations are never fully realized is as true of benevolent Societies as it is of individuals. However Christian their motives, however obedient to the divine will, their sagacity to foresee the future is still imperfect. No generality of Scripture promise gives them a certainty that the aim of their prayers and labors will in all respects be accomplished. There is a moral necessity that some of their expectations will fail. What Christian will not testify from his own experience that at the time of his espousals he anticipated a higher degree of enjoyment in duty and heavenly things than he ever realized? And is it the lot of benevolent societies, whose purposes are the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, to reap a richer reward of results to their labors in their associated than it is in their individual capacities? Certainly not. We need only refer to the history of this Society for a confirmation of this truth.

The early Reports of the Trustees and Missionaries of this Society furnish abundant evidence that our Home Missionary Fathers labored under the firm, inspiring belief that every feeble church in the State would be speedily raised up to a vigorous and independent existence, and every moral waste would be soon repaired. They looked only a short way into the future, to find our whole moral wilderness budding and blossoming as the rose, and they were encouraged and cheered on in their noble work by the glorious vision. They believed indeed in God, but in the spirit of prophesy they were wanting. If the friends and supporters of the Home Missionary cause in New-Hampshire have in past years found a stimulus to effort in too sanguine expectations of visible results, what does experience now teach them, but to enquire for sources of encouragement more rational and enduring? As in secular enterprises, so in religious—a change of circumstances, or past experience, often demands a change or modification of the programme of action, to secure success. We have now arrived to a juncture in our Missionary history, when, it seems to us, the question should be raised whether any modification in the basis of their incentives to duty is needed. For the friends of the cause to decide that there is no inducement to persevere in their labors, because the time may have passed to which they have limited the realization of their hopes, would be a virtual confession, not that they had misinterpreted the Word of God, or the orderings of his Providence, but that their own judgment and foresight were imperfect.—Whether to continue or abandon the work is not *now* the question. On such a question we are sure every vote would be in the affirmative. That it is our duty to toil on, spending our substance and time, still besieging the Throne of Grace for a blessing for the bene-

fit of freeble churches and the destitute, is a position that needs no debate. But why a duty? If our views of this question shall seem sound, it will be conceded that expectations of any specific, visible results, in the growth of churches and the moral elevation of communities, are not the chief sources of obligation.

Our duty to continue our missionary operations in New-Hampshire is derived from the common source of all moral obligation—the commands of God. "Go, work to-day in my vineyard," is the current order virtually issued from the court of Heaven to us all. It is not for us to hesitate whether we shall be able or not to complete the work assigned us before we decide to obey this order. "Whatsoever is right, I will give thee," is enough for inducement. The promise of wages is sure. They will be liberal, and with them we should be content. The Master whom we serve requires us to contribute of our money, exercise our sympathies, and lift up the voice of prayer in behalf of his poor and needy disciples. Why? Not because he has told us that we shall see in our day all their wants supplied—the weak every where made strong, and our whole field wavering with a harvest ripe for the garner—but because the work is his; and inasmuch as we shall do it with a view of relieving his needy members, we do it unto him. They are in him and he in them; a glorious and blessed unity for time and immortality. We are among the constituents of that unity whose spirit of spiritual life is the spirit that sacrificed the honors of Heaven for the sake of lost humanity. What greater incentives can we have for unwearied continuance in our missionary labors than the illustrious example of our Lord — the first Missionary of Mercy to needy men? He labored to open their eyes, to unstop their ears, and to soften their hearts; to bind up the broken hearted; to comfort those that mourned, and to open the prison doors to those that were bound, and to give deliverance to the captive. On this mission he toiled till death, receiving no reward but the smiles of his Father, and the comforts of an approving conscience. But yet to but few did his devotion bring the blessedness of a better hope. Darkness, sorrow and woe still reigned over the mountains and valleys of Judea and Galilee, and multitudes refused the boon he proffered them. He saved some, but not all to whom he ministered. It was love for the souls of men and the glory of the Godhead, which furnished the motives for his self denial and sufferings, and not the foreseen greatness of the results of his mission on the field over which he roamed. So let it be with us. A divine prescience is not ours, as it was his; a much less reason, then, have we for seeking other grounds of effort than love to God, and to those who are, or need to be, fellow-heirs with us to the inheritance of the saints. In the moral elements of Him who is the "first-born among many brethren," we recognize what we should be, as co-workers with him in the missionary cause; and in the activities of his missionary life we learn a lesson of what should be ours in a like devotion.

Fifty-five years are now numbered with the past since this Society began its work, and yet we look over the field, and see still much land

to be possessed. We are almost ready to enquire, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" We yet see the broad road that leads to death every where thronged, and still we hear the command, "Go up and possess the land," but no voice reveals the time of the possession. That is one of the secrets of Jehovah. A curiosity to look within the veil will only plunge us in deeper perplexity, and a presumption of its knowledge will be followed with a more criminal discouragement. What more, what else do we desire but the assurance that in due season we shall reap if we faint not? There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. The few that may be saved through our humble instrumentality will be *many* compared with our deserts as crowns in our rejoicing. Let us, then, go forth into the field before us, with an eye single to the glory of God and to the example of our Lord, planting and watering, like Paul and Apollos, waiting on the dews and showers from above to give the increase.

In behalf of the Trustees—

BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. *The New-Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Treasurer.* CR.

To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	4.634,00	By cash received from income of Permanent Fund,	83,28
To paid American Home Missionary Society,	948,91	By donations, collections and legacies,	5.579,92
To paid salary of Secretary and Treasurer,	125,00	By balance from old account,	2.236,90
To paid postage, freight and traveling expenses,	100,18		
To paid McFarland & Jenks for printing,	127,76		
To paid Crawford & Chick for binding,	16,50		
To paid salary of Treasuress of Cent Institution,	15,00		
To paid traveling expenses of Trustees,	6,25		
To paid J. A. Wheat, commission,	5,23		
To balance carried to new account,	1.921,27		
	$7.900,10		$7.900,10

This may certify that I have examined the account of BENJAMIN P. STONE, as Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, for the past year, and find the same faithfully and correctly kept, and well vouched, and that there is a balance of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents, ($1.921,27,) now remaining in his hands.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, August 16, 1856.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1856.

Acworth—Congregational church and society, ... $30,00
Alstead (New)—Congregational church and society, ... 6,00
Alton—Congregational church and society, ... 7,68
Amherst—Benevolent As., 49,61; Aaron Lawrence, to constitute his daughters, Cornelia M. and Annie M. Lawrence, life members of A. H. M. S., 20,00, ... 69,61
Anson, Me.—Mrs. R. G. Stanwood, for A. H. M. S., ... 3,00
Antrim—Presbyterian church and society, ... 15,00
Bath—Congregational church and society, ... 18,00
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society, 80,00; individual, ,50, . . 80,50
Bennington—Cong. church and society, ... 32,50
Barrington—Cong. church and society—monthly concert, ... 18,71
Bethlehem—Cong. church and society, ... 21,00
Boscawen—Oct. 14, 25,00; Aug. 13, 44,12, ... 69,12
Boscawen, West—Cong. church and society, ... 20,52
Bradford—Cong. church and society, ... 6,50
Brookline—Calvin R. Shedd, in full, to constitute his son, John C. Shedd, a life member of A. H. M. S., ... 10,00
Campton—Cong. church and society, 6,50; legacy of Dea. John Chandler for the A. H. M. S., 30,00, ... 36,50
Candia—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Wm. T. Herrick a life member of A. H. M. S., ... 44.43
Canaan—Cong. church and society, ... 12,00
Charlestown—Cong. church and society, ... 20,00
Center-Harbor—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Mrs. Lovina T. Coe life member, ... 18,57
Chester—Cong. church and society, to constitute Wm. Greenough a life member, 69,20; Ephraim Orcutt, life member, 30,00; Isaac Lane, in part, to constitute his son, Henry H. Lane, life member, 10,00, ... 109,20
Claremont—Cong. church and society, ... 21,35
Concord—First Cong. ch. and so.—subscription, 114,50; collection, 19,92; monthly concert, 26,96; Francis N. Fisk, to constitute his daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Morse Perry, a life member, 30,00; do., to constitute his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Walker Tarlton, of Melbourne, Australia, life member of A. H. M. S., 30,00; Mrs. Ann G. Merrill, life member, 30,00; Mrs. Mary Stickney, life member, 5,00, ... 256,38

Concord, East—Dea. John Eastman, in part, to constitute his wife, Mrs. Lucinda B., his son, Mellen E., and his daughter, Jane A. Eastman, life members, 5,00 each; Cong. ch. and so., 1,25, 16,25

Concord—South Cong. church and society, 38,00; Rev. Henry E. Parker, 5,00; Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, 5,00, ... 48,00

Concord, West—Cong. church and society, 16,41; Rev. A. P. Tenney, in part, to constitute — — life member, 5,00, ... 21,41

Conway—South Cong. church and society, 18,18; Z. Cutter, ,75, . .

Conway—North Cong. church and society, to constitute Mrs. Judith C. Kimball a life member, ... 48,93

Danbury—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute Dea. Joshua Jackson a life member, ... 5,81

Derry—First church and society (30,00 of which to constitute Dea. James Choate a life member,) 108,60

Deering—Cong. church and society, ... 6,65

Dover—Cong. church and society, 68,00; Wm. Woodman, to constitute Miss E. M. Woodman, of Newburyport, life member, 50,00, 118,00

Dunbarton—Cong. church and society, ... 15,77

Dublin—Trinitarian church and society, ... 18,75

Durham—Cong. church and society, ... 28,00

Epping—Haden Higley, 2,00; Jacob Prescott, 2,00, ... 4,00

Farmington—Monthly concert, ... 18,47

Fitzwilliam—Cong. church and society, 21,00; Dexter Whittemore, for the A. H. M. S., 20,00, ... 41,00

Francestown—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Dea. S. Starrett life member, ... 19,00

Franconia—Cong. church and society, ... 3,00

Franklin—Cong. church and society, ... 20,00

Gilmanton—Cong. church and society, 5,00; do. for A. H. M. S., 5,00, . 10,00

Gilmanton Iron Works—Moses Page, life member, ... 30,00

Gilsum—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Rev. Ezra Adams a life member, ... 20,75

Goffstown—Cong. church and society, ... 32,00

Goshen—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute Dea. Merrill a life member, 18,00; do., in part, to constitute Mrs. Emily F. Richardson a life member, 4,00, ... 22,00

Great Falls—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Henry E. Sawyer, and in part, to constitute D. H. Buffum life members, 71,25

Greenland—Cong. church and society, ... 18,00

Groton—Cong. church and society, ... 5,00

Hampstead—Female Benevolent Society, to constitute Mrs. S. Bartley a life member of A. H. M. S. 30,00

Hancock—Cong. church and society, ... 10,05

Hanover—Mrs. Frances Moody, ... 1,00

Haverhill—Cong. church and society, to constitute Sarah F. Hook, Ezra B. Adams and Dr. Hiram Morgan life members, 90,00; Mrs. Mary P. Webster, to constitute Miss Abigail Vose Atkinson a life member, 30,00, ... 120,00

Hebron—Cong. church and society, 6,00; a friend, 1,00, ... 7,00

Harrisville—Cong. church and society, ... 8,37
Hillsborough Center—Cong. church and society, for A. H. M. S., . . . 10,00
Henniker—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute John Whitcomb a life member, 20,75; in full, to constitute J. K. Conner, Mrs. Mary D. Wallace and James Wilkins life members of the A. H. M. S.—the balance, 14,87, in part, to constitute Mrs. Susan Moore a life member of A. H. M. S.,—91,50; Ladies' Benev. Asso., for the A. H. M. S., 16,79, 128,04
Hollis—Cong. church and society, 24,32; do., for the A. H. M. S., 85,50, 109,82
Hooksett—Cong. church and society, ... 10,00
Hopkinton—Cong. church and society, to constitute Mrs. Lydia H. Colby and Mrs. Elsy A. Colby life members of A. H. M. S. . . 70,25
Hudson—Cong. church and society, ... 8,00
Jaffrey—East Cong. church and society, ... 17,00
Keene—Gentlemen's collection, 52,00; monthly concert, 32,81; Daniel Adams, life member of A. H. M. S., 15,00; Cong. church and society, 19,64, ... 119,45
Kingston—Cong. church and society, ... 6,00
Laconia—Cong. church and society, 14,25; Rev. J. K. Young, in part, to constitute his daughter, Ellen A., a life member, 5,00, . 19,25
Lancaster—Cong. church and society, ... 8,00
Langdon—Cong. church and society, ... 10,00
Lebanon—Cong. church and society, 14,00; also, for 1854 and 1855, 31,00, 45,00
Lebanon, West—Cong. church and society, ... 29,00
Lempster—Rev. Robert Page—annual subscription, ... 2,00
Littleton—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute Dea. John Merrill life mem., 12,07; Sylvanus Balch, for A. H. M. S., 10,00, 22,07
Litchfield—Pres. church and society, ... 7,00
Londonderry—Pres. church and society, in part, to constitute James Nevins a life member, ... 13,00
Loudon—Mrs. Lovey Stevens, ... 1,50
Loudon Village—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Dea. Zephaniah Batchelder a life member, ... 21,12
Lyme—Cong. church and society, 103,00; Rev. E. Tenney, in part, to constitute his son, Roger M. Tenney, a life member of the A. H. M. S., 10,00, ... 113,00
Lyndeborough—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. E. B. Clagget a life member, ... 43,51
Manchester—First Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Holbrook Chandler, Jesse Cheeney and Mrs. Nancy Moore life members, ... 118,00
Manchester—Franklin street church, for two years, ... 60,00
Meredith Village—Mrs. Susan Sanborn—annual subscription, ... 2,00
Merrimack—Cong. church and society, ... 47,32
Marlborough—Cong. church and society, 30,34; do., for 1855, 24,07, . . 54,41
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge—annual subscription, ... 2,00
Nashua—First church, Mrs. Mary Bradford, for the A. H. M. S., . . 10,00
—Olive street church, for the A. H. M. S., ... 86,46
North Hampton—Cong. church and society, ... 6,67

Newport—Rev. John Woods, assignee of Carpenter fund, in full, to constitute F. Claggett a life member, 6,20; also, in part, to constitute Mrs. Lucy Reed a life member, 26,00, . . . 32,00

Northwood—Cong. church and society, ... 10,00

Orfordville—Cong. church and society, ... 11,00

Ossipee—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute — — a life member, 23,00; Tho's L. Ambrose, life member, in full, 20,00, 43,00

Ossipee Corner—Luther D. Sawyer, in part, to constitute his son, Frank D., a life director of A. H. M. S., ... 5,00

Paper-Mill Village—Cong. church and society, ... 14,00

Pembroke—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Rev. Lewis Goodrich a life member, ... 15,19

Pittsfield—Cong. church and society, to constitute Mrs. J. A. Hood a life member, 32,62; R. L. French, in part, to constitute his daughter, L. C. French, a life member, 5,00, ... 37,62

Plainfield—Cong. church and society, ... 11,50

Plaistow and North Haverhill, Ms.,—Individuals, ... 6,00

Plymouth—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Rev. John Clark life member, 21,00; a dying gift of Mrs. Sarah J. A. Long, to constitute her husband, Dr. Samuel Long, life member, 30,00; Dr. S. Long, in full, to constitute his late wife, Mrs. Sarah A. J., life member, 25,00; Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, in part, to constitute his nephew, Edward J. Tucker, life member, 10,00; James McQueston, in part, to constitute Mrs. James McQueston life member, 5,00; a friend, to constitute Mrs. Mary B. K. Blaisdell life member, 30,00, 121,00

Portsmouth—North Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Lyman Whiting life director of A. H. M. S., 100,00, and also to constitute the same life member, 54,77, ... 154,77

Rindge—Female Auxiliary Home Missionary Society, 24,02; J. B. Breed, in part, to constitute his son, Augustus B. Breed, life member of A. H. M. S., 10,00, ... 34,02

Salem—Cong. church and society, ... 8,69

Salisbury—Cong. church and society, ... 15,61

Sanbornton—Cong. church and society, ... 20,04

Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society, 5,00 of which, from the Rev. Mr. Curtice, in full, to constitute John C. Carleton life member, ... 15,00

South Merrimack—Evangelical church and society, in part, to constitute Rev. D. Sawyer life member, ... 8,62

South Newmarket—Cong. church and society, 9,03; Rev. W. Fifield, in part, to constitute his daughter, Ellen S., life member, 5,00, 14,03

Stoddard—Cong. church and society, ... 13,79

Sullivan—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. A. E. Wilson life member of A. H. M. S., ... 30,00

Swanzey—Cong. church and society, 24,00; monthly concert, 16,00, . 40,00

Tamworth—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Wm. M. Rogers, Esq., of Bath, Me., life member, 11,52; also, in part, to constitute — —, life member, 9,98, ... 21,50

Temple—Cong. church and society, ... 16,60

Wakefield—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Catharine K. Barker life member, 15,00; Rev. N. Barker, over-paid money returned, 6,00, ... 21,00

Warner—Cong. church and society, to constitute Harrison D. Robertson life member, 33,40; the late Mrs. M. D. Wheeler, a legacy to constitute her husband, Moses D. Wheeler, life member, 30,00; Dea. Frederick Eaton, 5,00, ... 68,40

Walpole—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute — — life mem., 21,60

Winchester—Ladies' Home Missionary Society, to constitute Mrs. David Ball and Mrs. Charles Mansfield life members of A. H. M. S., 60,00, and, in part, to constitute David S. Sabin life member of A. H. M. S., 12,00; Dea. S. W. Buffum, in part, to constitute his son, Geo. S., life mem. of A. H. M. S., 5,00, 77,00

Windham—Pres. church and society, ... 34,66

Wolfborough, North—Rev. Stephen Merrill, in part, to constitute Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill life member, ... 10,00

OTHER RECEIPTS.

New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, ... 1479,69

Income of Permanent Fund, ... 83,28

Dividend on legacy of $200 bequeathed by Miss Mary Knight, late of Ossipee, ... 58,06

Merrimack County Conference of Churches, ... 25,00

Sullivan County Conference of Churches, ... 12,72

A friend in Carroll County, ... 10,00

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SHOWING THE PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

Years. Places.	Amount.	Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51,63	1830—Portsmouth,	2479,86
1802—Concord,	386,63	1831—Concord,	2371,34
1803—Concord,	300,46	1832—Amherst,	5820,75
1804—Concord,	405,09	1833—Keene,	5670,66
1805—Hopkinton,	602,84	1834—Meredith Bridge,	4843,24
1806—Hopkinton,	611,49	1835—Plymouth,	7795,24
1807—Hopkinton,	600,66	1836—Exeter,	4942,02
1808—Concord,	1290,48	1837—Claremont,	5506,14
1809—Concord,	735,92	1838—New-Ipswich,	5224,37
1810—Concord,	1288,27	1839—Lyme,	5224,37
1811—Dunbarton,	953,92	1840—Hampton,	4839,40
1812—Hollis,	1520,68	1841—Francestown,	5031,74
1813—Plymouth,	932,27	1842—Dover,	5435,90
1814—Hanover,	2638,90	1843—Nashua,	5830,38
1815—Keene,	2807,98	1844—Concord, South,	7391,36
1816—Concord,	2633,36	1845—Portsmouth,	4910,27
1817—Exeter,	2395,05	1846—Newport,	9027,15
1818—Dover,	2427,10	1847—Meredith Bridge, (Laconia,)	6554,51
1819—Haverhill,	2537,21	1848—Manchester, 1st church,	6992,18
1820—Portsmouth,	1712,56	1849—Plymouth,	6910,37
1821—New-Ipswich,	1851,07	1850—Great Falls,	7367,94
1822—Pembroke,	1755,13	1851—Acworth,	9954,47
1823—Acworth,	1846,20	1852—Pittsfield,	7896,50
1824—Londonderry, (Derry,)	2637,44	1853—Littleton,	10461,21
1825—Lyme,	1869,09	1854—Derry,	8417,53
1826—Durham,	1872,07	1855—Concord, 1st church,	7992,34
1827—Rindge,	3263,65	1856—Exeter, 1st church,	6690,47
1828—Salisbury,	1951,83		
1829—Newport,	2416,71		
Total amount raised in fifty-five years,			$211,870,47

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of the Society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, to be chosen annually, and nine Trustees, to be chosen triennially, the seats of one-third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot; and the president, vice-president, and secretary, shall be trustees ex-officio.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and in his absence the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the eldest man of the trustees present, to preside in all meetings of the society and of the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society, and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society, and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries, and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease or convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the executive committee, to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries, sound, pious, able and

discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society, they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers, which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet anually on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of this society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify in writing a desire to withdraw. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All male life members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of the society, to invite the attention of his hearers at least once a year to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church or congregation, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor

commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer to the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?

2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church and what held by all others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*

3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any; and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?

4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?

5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? what part of it has been raised by the church? how have you raised it?

6. What is the least amount of aid needed.

7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?

8. Are you, as a church or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?

9. Do you receive aid from any other source; and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society, that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made beyond the term of one year. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply by ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least two thirds of one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property; that is, $6,67 on $1000.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees, or the executive committee.

NOTICES.

ALL applications for aid and returns of Missionaries, to be made, *post paid*, to the secretary. Orders on the treasury drawn by the secretary. Missionaries to

* The statement should include railroad and other stock, and all property owned out of town, as far as can be ascertained.

forward their statistical return to the secretary annually, post-paid, by the first of July. The returns to contain the number of church members, male and female, hopeful conversions, additions, removals and baptisms, within the year; also the number of sabbath school and bible class pupils, the amount contributed to each object of benevolence, and the state of morals and religion.

Rev. Messrs. TENNY, BOUTON, PARKER, STONE, of Concord, and YOUNG, of Laconia, *Executive Committee.*

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FIFTY-SIXTH

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held in the Chapel of the High School building, at Keene, August 27, 1857, at 9 o'clock A. M. and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected :

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., Concord, *President.*
Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, *Vice-President.*
Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, *Secretary.*

The Secretary was chosen *Treasurer.*

L. D. Stevens, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Rev. Henry E. Parker, Concord,
Rev. William R. Jewett, Plymouth, } *Trustees.*
Rev. Isaac Willey, Goffstown,

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Exeter,
Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Concord, } *Trustees elected in* 1856.
Rev. John H. Merrill, Tamworth,

Rev. John K. Young, Laconia,
Rev. A. Tobey, Durham, } *Trustees elected in* 1855.
Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill,

BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Secretary.*

PUBLIC MEETING.

The Fifty-Sixth Anniversary was held in the Congregational Church edifice, (Dr. Barstow's,) Keene, August 27, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The President being absent the Vice-President presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Langworthy, of Chelsea, Mass. Extracts from the Annual Report of the Trustees were read. On motion by Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst, the Report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Society was then addressed in a very interesting and effective manner by Rev. Lyman Whiting, of Portsmouth, who was followed with a stirring address from Rev. Wm. Clark, of Amherst, Missionary Agent.

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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

With respect to life, health and opportunities to labor in the service of our Divine Master, the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society have no occasion, in presenting their Fifty-Sixth Annual Report, to record any instances of afflictive Providence among its officers or missionary servants. Another year has passed, leaving us all alive to review our own doings and God's dealings with us; to consider our present responsibilities, and to devise more liberal things for our New-Hampshire Zion. We cannot forbear, however, to record the death of three beloved fathers in the ministry, who were among the former officers and members of this Society: — Rev. Drs. John M. Whiton, Jonathan French and Isaac Hurd. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. The various topics of our Report we shall present in the following order:

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Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
1. ALTON.												
Rev. T. L. Ellis, *s. s.*	Sept. 21, 1856.	175,00	3	10			2					
Rev. Geo. W. Thompson, *s. s.*	June 27, 1857.	42,00										
2. BETHLEHEM.												
Rev. Thomas Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1856.	87,50		43	4	4				60	16,64	
3. BRADFORD.												
Rev. Carey Russell, *s. s.*	Jan. 12, 1856.	100,00	15	51		2	2	1		60	6,50	
4. BROOKLINE.												
Rev. T. P. Sawin, *s. s.*	Sept. 1, 1856.	100,00	15	49			3			138	51,30	75,63
5. CANAAN.												
Rev. M. Gerould, *s. s.*	Aug. 20, 1857.	150,00	7	30		1	2				14,00	
6. CENTRE-HARBOR.												
Rev. A. Benson, *P.*	Sept. 1, 1856.	100,00	10	33	1	3		1	3	35	18,90	12,00
7. CHARLESTOWN.												
Rev. John G. Wilson, *s. s.*	April 6, 1857.	200,00	13	45	1		1		3	70	30,00	30,12
8. CONWAY.												
Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*	Jan. 1, 1857.	100,00	23	83	6	5	6		3	165	48,18	67,20
9. DANBURY.												
Rev. D. Goodhue, *P.*	March 1, 1857.	150,00	24	52	4	4				114	14,90	
10. DERRING.												
Rev. J. W. Perkins, *s. s.*	June 10, 1856.	100.00	12	40	2	2				80	6,65	30,00
11. DOVER, Belknap Church.												
Rev. B. F. Parsons, *P.*	July 1, 1856.	200,00	16	49	7	3	9			145	82,00	102,00
12. DUBLIN.												
Rev. E. F. Abbott, *P.*	June 1, 1857.	63,00	16	36	4	5	1		2	62	11,00	23,57
13. EPPING.												
Rev. H. Stearns, *s. s.*	July, 1857.	200,00	19	50								
14. FRANCONIA.												
Rev. T. Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1856.	37,50		14							4,53	
15. GILSUM.												
Rev. E. Adams, *P.*	June 1, 1857.	75,00	17	45	1	2	3		2	85	25,05	58,25
16. GORHAM.												
Rev. E. Burt, *s. s.*	July, 1856.	43,00										
17. GOSHEN.												
Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.*	March 15, 1857.	100.00	19	53						50	23,00	16,44
18. GREAT FALLS, 2d Church.												
Rev. E. Chapman, *s. s.*	July 1, 1857.	200,00		25						60		
19. GROTON.												
Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1857.	62,50	13	30						65	5,00	
20. HARRISVILLE.												
Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, *P.*	June 1, 1857.	125,00	19	52	4	1	1	2	1	90	28,40	40,00
21. HEBRON.												
Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1857.	62.50	9	31						116	14,80	
22. HOOKSETT.												
Rev. W. A. Fobes, *P.*	June 1, 1856.	100,00	9	40							6,21	

REMARKS.

1. Rev. Mr. Ellis left before the close of his commission. Mr. Thompson is now supplying the church, under a commission of six weeks.

2. The Report from this church is less encouraging than those of former years. Its strength is diminishing by deaths and removals. There are five nonresidents.

3. No special interest reported.

4. In consequence of large secession, this church has been somewhat reduced in strength. There is now quiet, and we hope the day of prosperity may return.

5. Besides the number of members in the table, there are seven nonresident members. Prospects not very encouraging, the foundations are insufficient.

6. There has been a cloud the year past over this place, but we hope for fair weather.

7. The state of morals and religion in this community is low. It is a hard but important missionary field.

8. This is a wide and important field. In many respects the religious interests of the people are improving.

9. The Report on the whole presents an encouraging state of things.

10. Mr. P. closed his labors in May. During the three years he labored in Deering six were added to the church. The field is now destitute.

11. The Belknap Church was formed September 3, 1856. The enterprise thus far has been highly prosperous, and bids fair for early independence and of great usefulness in an important part of the city. Considerable religious interest was enjoyed in the spring. One young man is preparing for the ministry.

12. There has been an unusual state of religious interest a few months past. Congregation varying from 35 to 95.

13. Mr. S. has commenced his labors here with encouraging prospects.

14. The Report says there is only one resident male member, able and disposed to attend meeting. Intemperance is increasing, and the town is a hard field.

15. "We enjoy," says the Report, "peace and quiet, but no special tokens of revivals." Congregation from 140 to 150.

16. Rev. Mr. Burt labors here one fourth of the time. There is no church. It is an important missionary field. There is a prospect that a house of worship will be erected.

17. The state of this church and people has not materially changed during the year.

18. This new enterprise is reported as now quite promising. A church has been organized. The congregation averages about 125.

19. This church is still associated with Hebron. Nothing of special interest is reported.

20. This church was received under patronage for the first time in June. There has been more than usual religious interest for a few months past. Congregation from 120 to 140.

21. The state of things here has experienced no important change.

22. Mr. Fobes suspended his labors here in the spring on account of ill-health. The desk has been supplied since he left; no Report.

Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
23. HUDSON. Rev. D. L. French, *s. s.*	Nov. 6, 1856.	125,00	29	74	7	7	1		5	75	22,00	
24. LANCASTER. Rev. P. Fay, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1856.	200,00	19	77	1					100	18,36	6,12
25. LANGDON. Rev. E. Jennison, *s. s.*	March 15, 1856.	150,00	13	41							10,06	
26. LEE. Rev. M. Moore, *s. s.*	Aug. 4, 1856.	200,00								50		
27. LOUDON VILLAGE. Rev. C. Willey, *s. s.*	April 15, 1856.	100,00	13	45	2		1					40,00
28. MANCHESTER CITY. Rev. L. Marshall, *P.*	April 1, 1857.	150,00	6	38	6	6	2	1		125		
29. MASON. Rev. J. L. Arms, *P.*	March, 1857.	150,00	52	112						75		
30. MEREDITH VILLAGE. Rev. I. F. Holton, *s. s.* C. Burnham, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1855. Dec. 6, 1856.		18	61						75		26,75
31. MERRIMACK SOUTH. Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	May 28, 1857.	150,00	10	31			1			48	12,62	8,50
32. MOULTONBOROUGH. Rev. J. Tatton, *s. s.*	July 7, 1856.	150,00	10	29						40	8,00	
33. NEWMARKET. Rev. J. M. Palmer, *s. s.*	May 1, 1857.	60,00	19	50	15	7	1		2	60	13,02	50,00
34. NEW-ALSTEAD. Rev. Bezaleel Smith, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1857.	100,00	42	110				1		90	16,00	24,00
35. NORTH WOLFBOROUGH. Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 4, 1857.	200,00	18	52				1	1	100	20,00	30,00
36. NOTTINGHAM. Rev. M. Moore, *M.*			32	4								
37. OSSIPEE CORNER. Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 3, 1857.	100,00									10,00	
38. PAPER-MILL VILLAGE. Rev. B. Ober, *s. s.*	May 1, 1856.	175,00	16	27						30		
39. PLAINFIELD. Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.*	Oct. 10, 1856.	100,00	6	25						15	20,00	20,00
40. ROXBURY. Rev. S. S. Arnold, *s. s.*	June 20, 1857.	100,00	7	22			2	2	1	40	25,00	52,40
41. SALEM. Rev. W. Page, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1856.	100,00	16	55	6	6				100	26,74	17,42
42. SOUTH-NEWMARKET. Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.*	Feb. 15, 1857.	135,00	9	26	2	4				55	34,83	43,05
43. STODDARD. Rev. J. S. Gay, *s. s.*	Nov. 20, 1856.	200,00	7	39						70		
44. SURRY. Rev. Ezra Adams, *M.*	Nov. 20, 1857.			12								

REMARKS.

23. There was some revival here in the autumn. The Report says, "the state of religion is as encouraging as it has been."

24. The Report from this field is highly encouraging in every external respect. The saving power of the Spirit seems only needed to make this church able to support the gospel without missionary aid.

25. Mr. Jennison left at the close of his commission. The church is still destitute.

26. Nottingham is a part of the field assigned to Mr. Moore. The congregation at Lee has increased somewhat. There is no church, and as yet but few if any materials to form one.

27. Mr. W. left in April. The church is now destitute, and in a low and discouraging condition.

28. This mission is going on quite prosperously. A good degree of religious interest has prevailed, especially among the young.

29. Mr. A. was dismissed in March, and has been succeeded by Rev. D. Goodwin. Nothing special is reported.

30. Mr. B. was installed pastor of this church in the winter. The state of things is rather promising.

31. This church is making some progress, we hope.

32. Mr. Tatton has closed his labors here. The church is destitute and in a disheartening condition.

33. There has been an interesting revival. The state of the church and society is hopeful. Ten nonresident members.

34. Nothing special is reported.

35. Nothing of special interest is reported. Mr. M. labors one half of the time at Ossipee Corner. There are three Sabbath schools in this field, whose numbers are given in the table.

36. Mr. Moore, of Lee, performs some missionary service here. The church is nearly extinct.

37. There is no church here. Mr. Merrill, of North-Wolfborough, labors here one half of the time.

38. Mr. Ober closed his labors here in the winter. The church is destitute. No Report. The statistics are those of last year.

39. Nine members of the church are nonresident. The prospect not flattering. The morals of the place are good, but a refreshing from on high is needed.

40. The prospect of increase here is not very encouraging for want of materials; "yet," says the Report, "I think there is more regard for the Sabbath, and a growing interest in the support and observance of divine institutions.

41. Nothing of special interest is reported.

42. "The state of things," says the Report, "is quite as encouraging as it was the last year." The church has been a little enlarged in numbers, and quickened, also, as we hope, in grace.

43. This people is now destitute, and the field is discouraging.

44. Mr. Adams, of Gilsum, is commissioned to perform some missionary labor here. The church is much reduced, and the prospect of increase is not encouraging.

Churches and Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home missions.	Other objects.
45. WAKEFIELD.												
Rev. N. Barker	July 4, 1856.	100,00	8	33						115	16,00	30,00
Marvin Leffingwell, *s. s.*	March 15, 1857.	100,00										
46. WARNER.												
Rev. H. O. Howland, *P.*	Aug 1, 1856.	100,00	32	117	7	6	3		9	100		51,00
47. WASHINGTON.												
Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	July 1, 1857.	150,00	6	34				1		50	15,00	10,00
48. WEST-STEWARTSTOWN.												
Rev. J. B. Hill.	June 5, 1857.	100,00	12	29	3	3				30	2,00	
49. WOLFBOROUGH.												
Rev. S. Clark, *s. s.*	June 1, 1856.	150,00	19	59				1		80	2.56	45,85

REMARKS.

45. There has been no material change in the state of this church and people. "Though we have not yet accomplished much," says the Report, "the prospect is considered by our people as truly encouraging."

46. The pastor was dismissed July 1. There has been some religious interest during the year.

47. No special change in the affairs and prospects of this church.

48. This is a wide missionary field, extending into Canaan, Vt., and Hereford, Canada East. Mr. Hill is the only Congregational minister for an extent of country of more than sixty miles, north and south.

49. There has been some increase of attendance upon public worship, and at times some seriousness.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries.

During the whole or part of the year, there have been in commission 14 pastors, 33 stated supplies, and one General Missionary Agent, making in all 39 laborers in our field. Two of the stated supplies have performed some Missionary labor in their vicinity. Three pastors have been settled, and two dismissed, and one has suspended his labors on account of ill health. Five new stated supplies have been commissioned, and nine have removed to other fields of labor. There are now in commission 37 Missionaries, including the Agent, of whom 12 are pastors of churches.

Churches and Congregations.

The Society has extended aid during the whole or part of the year to 49 churches and congregations, of which 42 are now under patronage. Appropriations have been made to 5 churches that were not on our list last year. These churches are Dublin, Epping, Harrisville, Belknap church in Dover, and West Stewartstown. The church in Harrisville was never before aided. The Belknap church in Dover is a new organization. Two new churches have been organized, viz., the second Congregational Church in Great Falls and the Belknap church, just referrred to. The feeble churches in the State which have heretofore been aided by the Society, but are not now receiving aid, for the reason principally that they are without pastors or stated supplies, are as follows:—Bridgewater, Dorchester, Thornton, Effingham, Moultonboro' 1st and 2d, Sandwich and Sandwich North, Tuftonboro', Andover, Hill, Warner, Wilmot, Colebrook, Dalton, Whitefield, Paper Mill Village, Chesterfield, Stoddard, Haverhill North, Enfield, Langdon, and Deering; in all 23. To make the list of feeble churches properly belonging to our Missionary field complete, we should add Wentworth and Croydon, two very small and feeble churches, and yet were never under the direct patronage of the Society. This would make the whole list of feeble churches in the State 66. Several of these churches are so small as scarcely to be recognized as having a being; but they are yet alive, the worthy objects of our fostering sympathy and care. Besides, it may not be impertinent to

say, there are at least thirty-five churches in the State, mostly situated in agricultural towns, which find it a burden, which they are scarcely able to bear, to raise a competent support for the ministry. From this class of churches the Missionary Society may expect annually new calls for aid. At least one hundred churches in the State find it either impossible or very difficult to maintain the institutions of the Gospel from their own resources. Not half of the whole number of churches connected with our order are what is denominated *able* churches. This is not a fact brought to view by the recent dealings of Divine Providence with our Zion. It has been true during the whole period of the Society's existence, and it will continue to be true for a long time to come. The friends of New-Hampshire Home Missions, may be assured that they will always "have the poor with them," and that if they make not this Society the almoner of their supplies, they must perish in a famine of the hearing of the word; there being no others on earth to care for their souls.

Statistics of the Churches.

The whole number added to the churches aided during the year is 110; of whom 69 were by profession, and 41 by letter. The whole number of removals is 43, of which 11 were by deaths, and 32 by letter and exclusion. Net gain, 67. The number of communicants connected with 46 churches is 2031, — of whom 1398 are females and 633 are males. The contributions of 34 churches to Home Missions are $704,15, and to other objects $910,30. Total, $1614,45. Sabbath schools are maintained in nearly all the congregations, and are generally reported as in a prosperous condition. The whole number of pupils connected with them is 2938. These statistics, compared with last year, show, in the same churches aided both years, an advance of 92 in addition, a net gain of 129 members, an increase of 646 in Sabbath Schools, and of an advance of $399,80 contributed to benevolent objects.

State of Morals and Religion.

During the year a larger number of the churches have enjoyed the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit than it has been our privilege to report for several years past. More or less religious interest has been experienced in the following churches, viz.: Belknap Church in Dover, Dublin, Harrisville, Hudson, Manchester Mission Church, New-Market, Warner, and North Wolfboro.' The number of hopeful conversions reported is 85, which is the largest number reported since 1843. There has been on the whole a decided advance made in our field with respect to attendance upon public worship and the general morals of community. In only two or three instances has the tide of improvement been made to ebb, and the ministry been put to inconvenience by causes, to speak of which would reflect no credit to their authors. As great as are the discouragements with which we have to contend in prosecuting the missionary work in New Hampshire, the encouragements which urge us onward in it are still greater.

We find them in the growing favor of the popular mind in destitute places towards our forms and principles, in the instances of the saving efficacy of a preached gospel which here and there occur and in the blessed capital of the Divine promises, both to the churches and the ministry of the word.

Missionary Agency.

The Rev. William Clark has continued his labors during the year among the feeble churches and destitute places of the State. His almost weekly communications to the public through the columns of our religious paper, have spread before many members of our churches as have had access to the *Journal*, much valuable information respecting the past history and the present condition of a large portion of our Missionary field. A more particular account of his arduous and self-denying labors is furnished us in his own language, as follows:

To the Trustees *of the N. H. Missionary Society:*

Dear Brethren: — Another year in which I have acted under your commission "to visit and labor among the feeble churches and religious destitutions of the State," having expired, I would respectfully report to you my doings, and the results of my observations and investigations during the same.

In the first place, I would render devout thanksgiving to God for good health, uninterrupted through all the year, and for his protecting care and kind preservation, through all seasons of the same, from casualities incident to constant travelling. With the exception of a single Sabbath and a few succeeding days, occasioned by a personal injury at my own home, no time in all the year have I lost to our cause.

Travels, Preaching, &c.

In prosecution of official duties I have travelled within the year 4558 miles, in all the counties of the State; preached almost invariably three times on the Sabbath; addressed Sabbath Schools in the intervals of public worship, assisted frequently in the administration of the Lord's Supper, attended church prayer meetings and conference meetings of county conferences, and clerical associations; preached often on week days, at prostrated meetings and on other occasions, nearly every day in the week; in all, including Sabbaths, 231 times.

In addition to the more public services of the Sabbath, I have generally had meetings on that, or on other days with the churches visited, for free remark and conversation on their responsibilities as Christ's representatives, on their duties personal, as also to God, to each other, and to their fellow-men; to maintain the order and discipline of God's house; to let shine the light of holy example before their families and the world; to support, according to their ability, the institutions of the gospel; "to be ready to every good word and work,"

and thus produce, in all whose eyes are upon them, conviction of the reality of vital godliness, of practical piety, and thus "glorify their Father in heaven."

Character of Preaching.

In preaching, I have aimed to adopt my discourses to the place, and to the character of audiences addressed; particularly have I endeavored to show the benign influences of the Gospel on all the earthly interests of communities; on civilization, industry, good order, good morals, domestic happiness, social enjoyment, the courtesies and amenities of society, mental culture, general diffusion of knowledge, civil and religious liberty; above all, on the salvation of the soul. In places where little or no instructive Biblical preaching is or has been had for years, perhaps from their original settlement, a special object had in view has been so to exhibit God's character, law, and government, the sinful character and ruined state of man, Jesus Christ, and the way of salvation through faith in him as an atoning Saviour, that, with the accompanying influences of the Holy Spirit, my hearers might be saved even had they never before heard the Gospel preached, nor should ever hear it again. Very deeply, often, have the circumstances in which I have preached impressed me with a sense of the responsibleness of the position occupied, and have constrained "to the declaration of the whole" known "counsel of God;" and I would record, with emotions of heart-felt gratitude to Him, his goodness in disposing my audiences, whenever addressed, whether in the sanctuary dedicated to his worship, the private dwelling, the school-house, the lumber-shed, the saw-mill, or in whatever other place, to give apparently earnest "heed to the things spoken." Often, at the close of humble labors of the kind, have hearers expressed hearty thanks for them. To God be all the glory.

Correspondence.

The nature of the work you have assigned me, my intercourse with pastors and churches, especially Missionary churches, all over the State, have subjected me to the necessity of a somewhat extensive, responsible correspondence. Churches destitute of pastors, as also communities having no preaching, often write me, soliciting my agency in procuring them ministers, and the latter, either destitute of present employment, or expecting soon to leave their present fields of labor, write, requesting an introduction, elsewhere, to positions of ministerial usefulness. Cheerfully have I attended to their requests; but whether acting on those of churches for ministers, or of ministers for places in which to labor, involves responsibilities. In performance of duties thus created, in connexion with those more particularly official, I have written and mailed between two and three hundred letters during the year, a large proportion of which in answer to letters received.

Appeals to Pastors, to Christian Laymen, and Ladies.

Your instructions to me requiring that I should make it at least a

secondary object to promote the raising of funds to sustain the operations of the N. H. Missionary Society, I have aimed to keep this matter before the minds of pastors and churches. To this end I have appealed to them, as opportunity presented, at meetings of County Conferences and ministerial associations. But most of my time and labors having been given to feeble churches and our religious destitutions, and thus debarred much direct intercourse with the stronger churches and their pastors, I have made special appeals to such on the importance of timely and liberal contributions to the treasury of our N. H. Missionary Society through the Congregational Journal. Such appeals I have made in this way to pastors, respectfully requesting them to keep the necessities of the Home Missionary work in our State directly before their people, for the purpose of awakening their prayerful sympathies for the feeble and destitute, and constraining them to generous donations; to wealthy lay members of the churches, setting forth the weakness of many of our churches, the many and wide religious destitutions in our Commonwealth, and soliciting an advance in the amount of pecuniary aid they have heretofore rendered the cause; and to the female members, reminding them of the good service their Christian sisters of a generation now mostly gone, rendered to Home Missions, in the State, through Cent Societies auxiliary to the N. H. FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION; of what many of them still living had already done in this department of benevolence, and requesting them to address themselves with renewed energy to the good work, and to enlist in it, if practicable, all the female members of our churches. These several appeals I would feign hope have not been wholly in vain.

Points of Investigation.

To render useful, to the highest practical degree, my labors, not to contemporaries only, but to coming generations of pastors and members of churches in our State, I have endeavored to collect, and prepare for permanent record, various statistics of the towns, parishes, cities, churches, &c., visited; viz., such as the population of each town, the amount of taxable property; that of the feeble churches and of societies connected with them, the per centage on the whole inventory of the town paid annually, so far as can be ascertained, for the support of evangelical preaching in it; the number of all religious denominations in it, whether evangelical or otherwise; number of places of religious worship; average attendance at each place in good weather; occasional and total attendance; number of people in town who habitually neglect public worship; number of members of Sabbath schools, of church members, male and female; total, in Congregational and Presbyterian churches; amount paid in towns for the support of evangelical preaching of whatever denomination, especially for that of the orders above named; amount of aid to feeble churches from our Missionary Society; whole amount of salary of Missionaries, whether from the church and congregation preached to, or from the treasury of the Society; church conferences and prayer-meet-

ings; religious reading in towns; amount of religious charities; schools, state of education, morals, and religious prospects.

Missionary Correspondence.

Most of the above named items in relation to each town or city visited, I have embodied weekly, through the year, in articles of considerable length, carefully written and furnished to the public through the columns of the Congregational Journal. In the hope of rendering these weekly communications readable, and of awakening the attention of the readers of the *Journal*, among whom are our pastors generally, and most of the prominent members of our churches, to the true condition of feeble churches and religious destitutions in our State, I have given briefly the geography of the towns in which they exist, attempted descriptions of their natural scenery, stated the nature of the soil, the occupation of the people; civil and religious history of the towns; the bearing of the institutions of the gospel on the character of the inhabitants. These communications, I have occasion to know, have been read with interest, have furnished needful and accurate knowledge of our work; of feeble churches and moral wastes, and produced a conviction that more energetic efforts must be made to strengthen the former and repair the latter.

Results of Observations and Enquiries.

Among the discoveries made is the great weakness of many of our Missionary churches in number of members, in pecuniary resources, moral power, and their increasing feebleness in all these respects. This we are glad to say is not true of all. The very fact, however, that a church needs Missionary aid implies pecuniary weakness; with this, numerical, and moral weakness is generally, not always, connected. Some of our Missionary churches have larger membership than others self-supporting. Large and healthful moral influence, too, do many churches of small property exert over communities around them; influence indispensable to their moral and religious welfare. But while all this is cause of rejoicing and of gratitude to God, much reason is there for sadness in the great feebleness of not a few of our assisted churches. As to pecuniary ability to support the ordinances of the gospel, some have absolutely none. To no one member of them belongs a dollar of taxable property. This is true of the church in Shelburne, Coös County, now reduced to three female members; one a widow, the other two wives of husbands not professing religion, of very humble property. As a matter of course, this church has no stated preaching, nor has had any for several years. Now and then, its few scattered members hear preaching from another denomination, but had not the privilege, for years, of celebrating the death of their Redeemer till your Missionary Agent not long since presented them the symbols of the Saviour's crucified body. In the church at Stoddard, Cheshire County, I learn no male member now resident in the town, has any taxable property. That church, favored with the pastoral oversight, for more than half a century, of Rev. Isaac Robinson, D. D.,

one of the ablest theologians our State has ever known, is now without pastor or stated supply, and the doors of their sanctuary are closed. A few excellent female members yet remain to weep over the desolations of Zion there, but "their harps they have hung upon the willows." To all human view, this church must soon become extinct, unless its great Shepherd shall speedily interpose and turn back its captivity. So of several other churches; their male membership is reduced to ten, five, three, two, one. These are often aged, quite on the brink of the grave. The aggregate of property belonging to all the members of these churches is $1,000, $2,000, $3,000, $5,000, $10,000. In many of our stronger churches are individual members whose property exceeds five, ten, twenty times, that of all the members of our feeble churches. Were this fact widely known and seriously pondered, would not contributions to aid them be more cheerful and liberal? One cause of the diminution of the members and strength of our weak churches, is emigration. To this, members of such churches are even more inclined from the fact of their weakness. Having little or no hope of their churches gaining strength, and finding it onerous to sustain the little preaching they may have, they often remove to our large towns and cities, or to the West, not only to better their temporal condition, but to secure better religious privileges for themselves and families.

Another cause of growing weakness is of a *moral* nature, and therefore *culpable*. The members do not feel their responsibility to sustain the gospel; they are selfish, worldly minded, have become indifferent to the prosperity of Zion, to the honor of God, to the salvation of souls; often neglect public worship unnecessarily, their family altars fall; they neglect the religious education of their children; become unfriendly, often hostile to one another; neglect church discipline, become lukewarm, and, like the church of Laodicea are rejected by the Saviour. Very painful it is to say these things, but your Agent feels he would be derelict to conceal from you and the christian public, these mournful facts. Let it not be supposed that the feeble churches of New-Hampshire are in a more discouraging condition than are such churches in other States. Your Agent can say from personal knowledge, not only of Congregational but of Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, and churches of other names, not only in N. H. but in many other States of the Union, that very many of them are in no more healthful condition. Let the facts be fully ascertained, and honestly published, and the aspect of many, very many churches of all evangelical denominations, in all parts of our country, would be no more cheering. Well would it be for the general interests of religion in New-England, and throughout our great country, for all concerned, to make investigations on this point, and let the result be known. Another result of the observation and enquiries of your Agent is the great neglect of public worship in our Missionary Districts. This will appear from the accompanying table of statistics. The table indicates attendance on public worship under three specifications, "average," "occasional," and "total attendance."

Under average attendance is included the number present, so far as can be ascertained, by counting and careful enquiry, in all places of public worship in good weather, in a given town or city. "Occasional," embraces all who occasionally attend in person, or are represented by members of families to which they belong. This number is put down in the table as just equalling the number generally present on favorable weather. This, however, is too high an estimate. Generally, the "occasional attendants," counting infants, then mothers, the sick, the aged, in families not at meeting in good weather, are very considerably less than the average attendance in such weather. Your Agent adopts this basis of calculation to meet objections sometimes made, that the estimate of the number of habitual neglectors of the sanctuary is too large. But from very careful and extensive enquiry he is confident that were all the "occasional attendants" on the above named estimate, present at public worship on pleasant Sabbaths, the congregation would not be doubled. Yet even on this estimate, from one third to one half the people in towns where our Missionary churches are located, will be found habitually absent from the house of God. When, in a town of 2000 inhabitants, having three places of worship, there are not more than 100 present in each of the three places on the most favorable Sabbaths, by what fair method of calculation can it be made to appear that more than double the number; that is, more than 200 in each place, or more than 600 in all three, are represented in the sanctuary? It is submitted whether persons who may happen to be there, two, three or five times in a year, can properly be called even occasional worshippers of God in public? Ought such to be counted as "meeting-going people." The investigations of the year have brought to the knowledge of your Agent, great religious destitutions and wide moral wastes in our State. All this generally he had before known to exist. More than twenty years' travel over nearly all parts of it, for another department of Christian enterprise has afforded him large opportunity to learn the "nakedness" of many parts of it. But more careful observation and minute enquiry, made necessary by duties peculiar to his present service, have impressed him more deeply than ever with the religious necessities and deplorable moral condition of many towns and extensive sections in all the counties of the State, especially in the northern and eastern: Grafton, Coos, Carroll, Belknap and Strafford.

In Grafton County, containing 38 towns, none what might be termed strong churches, like those in Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, Haverhill, Plymouth. Five have churches of less strength, as Bristol, Campton, Piermont. Six have feeble churches, receiving Missionary aid, as Canaan, Hebron, Groton, &c. Five have, nominally, Congregational Churches, but too far gone even to ask for aid, as Hill, Thornton, Dorchester, &c. Sixteen, nearly one half of the whole number of towns in the county, have in them no Congregational Churches, as Grafton, Lisbon, Lyman, Monroe, Alexandria, &c. In none of the towns destitute of Congregational Churches are here strong ones of any other evangelical denomination. In most of

them, no church of any name exists, possessing any considerable moral power.

Similar is the condition of Carroll County, embracing 17 towns, in which but one is able to give a competent support to its pastor,—Tamworth. Ossipee gives a salary of $500. In three are Missionary churches, as Conway, Wolfboro', &c. In three others are nominally existing Congregational Churches, with but too little life to seek for help, as Tuftonboro', Effingham, &c., while nine towns—more than half in the county—have no Congregational Church or preaching, nor any other churches of much moral strength, as Albany, Bartlett, Eaton, Madison, Brookfield, &c.

More deplorable than either of the above named counties is Coös, for in no one of the 26 towns within it is there one Congregational Church able to sustain itself without missionary aid. In the county are six Congregational Churches: in Lancaster, Dalton, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Whitefield and Shelburne. The first named three have preaching, two all, the other half the time. The last three have no preaching: two of them, Shelburne and Whitefield, so near to death as to make no effort to live. In all the county are not half a dozen ministers, of all denominations, whose education and character invest them with any considerable influence for good, as preachers. Most of the nominal preachers are exceedingly illiterate, and utterly unable to command respect, as interpreters of the Bible, or advocates of its doctrines. This is admitted on all hands. In most towns of the county are no meeting-houses; but two in all the eastern part, at Shelburne and Milan, twenty miles apart. In the former, preaching is had statedly; in the other, one Sabbath in four, from preachers of the Free Will Baptist order. This is all the preaching now had in the county, regularly, on the Androscoggin River, from Shelburne to Canada line, a distance of 60 miles. As a necessary consequence, the ignorance of the great doctrines and truths of the Bible, the open, unblushing desecration of the Sabbath, the profanation of the name of God, the intemperance, and other forms of immorality, are shocking.

Having communicated to the public, from week to week, during the entire Missionary year, all the facts respecting the some fifty towns in which your Agent has labored, which either yourselves or the patrons and friends of the N. H. Missionary Society can care to know, and having named all these towns in the table herewith offered, in connection with numerous items of statistics, he deems it unnecessary to enter further into detail.

In closing his Report, however, he wishes to offer some thoughts which have been suggested by his observations and enquiries through the year.

1. His labors among feeble churches the last year have deeply impressed him with the value of these churches to the communities around them, and the importance of continuing to sustain them. As before remarked, some of these churches are weakened in their moral power by the delinquencies of members. This is not peculiar to them.

It is painfully true of not a few of our churches, strong in number and wealth. But our Missionary churches, to a good degree, walk worthily of their high calling, and are lights in the midst of surrounding darkness. Not less important are they to the communities in which they are found, than are larger, richer churches, to those in which they are located. A great mistake is it, that the only object of church organization is the edification and salvation of its members. This, to be sure, is a consideration of great importance, but no more to a strong than to a feeble church. The church general, in all its divisions, is "the pillar and ground of the truth." It is "Christ's body," "It is the light of the world." Do the eternal, the temporal interests even, of any given community imperiously require this light to shine in, upon, and around them? Do not the same interests of any other community alike require it? Is this divine light of infinite importance to the 1618 inhabitants of the town of Lyme, where it has shone, and still shines, to the spiritual and temporal welfare of multitudes there? Is it of less importance to the adjoining town of Canaan, with its 2,000 immortal beings? Would it be an unutterable calamity to have this light extinguished in the former? Less would it be to have it put out in the latter, with one fifth more of the subjects of God's moral government in it? But the church in Lyme is strong, and can keep the light of life shining over all its families, without the aid of sister churches. That in Canaan is weak, very weak, unable to sustain the light of the gospel without such aid. Will the strong sister churches refuse aid to that, that in doing the same divine work among its population that must be done in Lyme, or its now christian character soon be lost, "and confusion, and every evil work" take the place of the good order and the elevated state of morals, now existing, as the result of the institutions of the gospel, which have from the first settlement of the town been sustained? The application of this principle of reasoning to all other parts of our State is too obvious to require illustration. But the truth should be urged, that whatever advantage our strong churches and their devoted pastors are to the communities in which they are found, the same are the feeble churches, where the preaching of the gospel is maintained, to the communities in which they exist. Is the advantage in the former case great beyond calculation? By what logic can it be made to appear less in the latter? Our feeble churches and their faithful Pastors, or stated Supplies, we *must sustain at all events*. Failure here would result in incalculable evil, not only to the latter but to the former; for the immoralities generated in the moral darkness of that, would overflow into this, and both communities tend to moral ruin together.

2. The only promoter and conservator of good morals in any community, is the BIBLE, with its doctrines explained, its institutions advocated, its duties inculcated, its precepts taught, its motives enforced by an educated, godly ministry, such as the community will respect, and in which, known by its fruits, for "its simplicity and godly sincerity," they will confide. In the absence of such a minis-

try it is utterly vain to hope a high standard of morals can be raised or sustained. Expect as soon we might effect, without cause, harvest without sowing the seed. Such a ministry wanting in any place, "iniquity will abound."

3. *Such a ministry should be established in the early settlement of every town.* Downward always is the course of poor human nature; unrestrained by the sanctions and motives of God's word, it invariably waxes worse and worse. Let any number of men establish a new settlement, unless they make the institutions of the gospel an essential part; secure an able, pious ministry from the first, irreligion and immorality will creep in; soon vice will be in the ascendency; in a few years will give the people a character of ungodliness; they will sneer at, will defy God's truth, and "glory in unrighteousness." In demonstration of this, thousands of terrible facts might be adduced.

4. In the absence of a learned, godly ministry, competent to "vindicate the ways of God to man," whose weight of character shall command the respect and gain the confidence of the people, *an ignorant, feeble ministry will appear*, which, to some extent, will be endured, but can produce no strong impression for good. Good men they may be, but uneducated, unlettered, devoid of mental discipline, unable to use language correctly, entirely incompetent to state or defend the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, or to inculcate the duties it enjoins; announcing a text, yet not saying any thing in legitimate connexion with it, but always running into a cant line of exhortation; they not only fail to secure the ears of their hearers, but awaken disgust in well informed minds. Such minds, driven by the character of the so-called preaching from the place of worship, draw others away with them. The few who continue attendance are those generally who can exert but little influence in moulding society for good. The consequences are, the Bible is read but little; its great doctrines and duties are but little understood; sin, open and unblushing, goes unrebuked; its results, in time and eternity, are not declared; the immortality of the soul is scarcely thought of; responsibilities to God wholly disregarded; God blasphemed; Christ as a Saviour, despised, the soul lost.

5. An illiterate ministry only, existing in a place for any considerable time, *hedges the way against a competent ministry.* It does this by creating prejudice in the minds of those whose views and tastes have been formed by such a ministry, against a ministry competent to instruct in the things of God. Among this class are many truly pious persons, but their knowledge of the Bible, their general knowledge, indeed, is very limited; their prejudice against an educated ministry and written sermons, very strong, and thus, though for different reasons, strongly opposed to the introduction of a suitable ministry, often much stronger than are the opposers of godliness.

6. All these difficulties in the way of introducing an able ministry into our religious destitutions, notwithstanding, *such must be sent to them.* It is the only possible way of arresting the attention of the people living in them to the truths of the Bible, and of establishing

among them the institutions of the gospel. Let your Agent not be misunderstood. He is not taking the position that no minister who has not gone through the forms of collegiate and theological education, is competent to labor in our feeble churches. Not at all. If a man is only competent to state and prove the doctrines of God's word, to inculcate its duties, to enforce its precepts, and all this with a heart burning with love to Christ, and to souls, no matter how or where he obtained his qualifications. These he must have, or it will be worse than useless to commission him to places in question. It is a most pernicious mistake, that men of small abilities, of little education, however pious they may be, are competent instruments to do the mighty work of repairing the moral wastes of our State. If such instruments have not *created* these, they have often served to render them more difficult of repair. Let your Agent not be thought to imply that the Trustees of the N. H. Missionary Society have ever erred in commissioning incompetent men to our religious destitutions. His belief is, that they have acted with all the wisdom that any bodies of wise men could, in this regard. His reference is to a class of preachers, never commissioned by them, but who have been, in fact, almost the only class ever found in wide districts of our State.

7. But if we would secure the attention of the people of these districts to the great truths of Revelation, *more of our strong preachers, of well-established, well known character, must itinerate in them.* They must be ready to preach in private dwellings, school-houses, barns, sheds, mills, groves, any where they can secure an audience; must visit from house to house; must converse with all classes about spiritual things. Will it be said that men to do this cannot be had? *Then the work will not be done at all.* This the past demonstrates.

8. It is respectfully submitted that our Missionary Societies must return, in part, to their early practice *of commissioning and sustaining able and well qualified itinerant Missionaries.* If feeble churches even existed in all our towns having Missionary pastors or stated supplies, an itinerating Missionary Agency might be dispensed with. Such not being the fact, and it not being practicable to settle ministers where no churches exist, if the people residing in our destitutions shall ever have the gospel preached to them, in any instructive way, competent Missionaries must be sent, remaining longer or shorter, as Providence may direct; preaching, performing pastoral duties, organizing Sabbath Schools, searching out professors of religion, whose church relations are elsewhere, and who may not for years have heard a minister of their own order; and should their labors be blessed, and it be wise so to do, organize churches, and thus lay the "foundation of many generations." Thus did the early Missionaries in our State, Rev. Messrs. Curtice, Coe, Dyer, David Sutherland and others. Thus did "Father Sewall" in Maine, and "Father Bushnell" in Vermont, and thus are now doing many of our Home Missionaries in the West. Itinerating missionary labor is just as necessary in many parts of New Hampshire *to-day*, as it was half a century ago. The residents in our religious destitutions will not

apply for Missionary labor. It must be offered to their acceptance. Will it be said that other evangelical denominations exist in most towns of the State, and that they will take care of the religious interests of these towns? Would this were so. But it is not. They do very little in maintaining religious institutions where you have established no Missionary Agency. They will remain desolations, till more shall be done for them than has ever yet been done.

9. It is respectfully submitted that we *have quite too long delayed making strenuous efforts to send able, earnest missionaries, to remote and destitute sections of our State*—such as have been already designated in this Report. Shall we longer delay? Shall we leave to another generation of ministers and christians the work which most clearly belongs to us! Are we willing that tens of thousands of our contemporaries, of our own fellow-citizens, resident in our own little State, should live and die unblest with a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus? Will any one say, the faithful, competent Missionary would not get a hearing in our moral wastes? It will be soon enough to say this when an earnest, prayerful, determined effort shall have been made, and shall have failed. At this moment are many important openings for such Missionary labor. Among them, Enfield, Warren, Wentworth, Thornton, in Grafton County; Whitefield, Jefferson, Gorham, Berlin, Milan, and Colebrook, in Coös; Effingham, Madison, Eaton, Bartlett, in Carroll; Newington, Kensington, Nottingham, in Rockingham; Deering, Weare, in Hillsboro'; Chesterfield, Stoddard, Surry, in Cheshire; Croydon, Springfield, Unity, in Sullivan; Andover, Hooksett, in Merrimack.

10. Will it be objected the Missionary Society has not the funds needed to sustain such enlarged operations, neither can obtain them? Will we, who are bought with the precious blood of Christ, take this ground? Are we ready to meet Him upon it at the last day?

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. CLARK, *Ag't N. H. Missionary Society.*

August, 1857.

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Names of Towns.	Population.	Names of Ministers.	Congregational churches in.	Methodist church or ch'rs in.	Baptist church or ch'rs in.	Free Will Baptist church or churches in.	Christian church or ch'rs in.	Episcopal church or ch'rs in.	Unitarian church or ch'rs in.	Universalist societies in.	Catholic church or ch'rs in.	No. Cong. ch. Members. Males.	Females.	Total.	Average attendance on public worship.	Occasional attendance on public worship.	Total attendance in town.	No. in town habitually neglecting pub. wor'p.	Proportion of members of Cong. chur's to the population of the town.	No. of scholars in Sab-bath schools.
Alstead Center,	600	Nath'l Barker, *a. s.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	24	34	75	75	150	450	1 in 17	50
Alton,	1800	Thomas L. Ellis, *a. s.*	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	7	9	375	325	650	1150	1 in 200	.
Auburn,	810	James Holmes, *P.*	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	32	48	195	195	390	420	1 in 14	100
Berlin Falls,	300																			
Bennington,	541		1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	33	41	130	130	260	281	1 in 18	80
Bradford,	1341	Carey Russell, *a. s.*	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	34	48	205	205	410	931	1 in 28	40
Bristol,	1103	John Clark, *a. s.*	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	30	54	84	300	300	600	503	1 in 13	40
Canaan,	2000	Moses Gerould, *P.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	90	98	300	300	600	1400	1 in 71	40
Centre-Harbor,	544	Almon Benson, *P.*	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	16	34	50	130	130	260	280	1 in 16	67
Charlestown,	1644	John G. Wilson, *a. s.*	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	13	28	41	300	300	600	1044	1 in 40	50
Conway,	1769	Reuben Kimball, *a. s.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	15	32	47	200	200	400	1367	1 in 37	200
Croydon,	861		1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	16	21	37	75	75	150	711	1 in 23	
Colebrook,	908		1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	22	40					1 in 22	
Danbury,	944	Daniel Goodhue, *P.*	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	94	28	69	160	160	320	624	1 in 18	80
Dover,	10,000	B. F. Parsons, *P.*	2	1	1	2	.	1	.	1	.	17	36	53	2200	2200	4400	5600		120
Dublin,	1088	E. F. Abbott, *P.*	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	11	24	35	270	270	540	548	1 in 31	70
East-Alstead,	400	B. Smith.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	69	111	100	100	200	200	1 in 3	90
Epsom,	1365	C. Willey, *a. s.*	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70	260	260	520	845	1 in 19	
Gilsum,	666	Ezra Adams, *P.*	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	15	28	43	200	200	400	966	1 in 15	80
Goshen,	659	H. Richardson, *a. s.*	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	20	34	54	210	210	420	239	1 in 12	40
Great Falls,	7000	Elias Chapman, *P.*	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1800	1800	3600	3400		
Gorham,	500																			
Groton,	776	Liba Conant, *a. s.*	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	15	15	30	150	150	300	476	1 in 25	60
Harrisville,	400	Wm. G. Tuttle, *P.*	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	16	26	125	125	250	150	1 in 15	80
Hebron,	565	Liba Conant, *a. s.*	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	25	31	150	150	300	265	1 in 18	100
Hookset,	1600		1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	30	40	200	200	400	1200	1 in 40	60
Lee,	863	Mason Morse, *a. s.*	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	10	14	160	160	320	543		40
Litchfield,	447	Eben'r Newhall, *s. s.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	50	100	347	1 in 32	25
Piscataquog,	1000	G. W. Bowman.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	12	16	75	75	150	250	1 in 62	50
Manchester,	23,000	Lyman Marshall, *P.*	3	3	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	5	27	6300	6300	12,600	10,400		125
Meredith,	3500	Charles Burnham, *P.*	1	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	37	400	400	800	2721	1 in 63	80
Milan,	800		.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	12	17	450	190	640	1102	1 in 102	40
Enfield,	1742		1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	4	4	100	100	200	1068	1 in 317	
Nottingham,	1988		1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	19	30	49	465	465	930	1070	1 in 45	50
Newmarket,	2000	J. M. Palmer, *a. s.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	8	14	55	55	110	150	1 in 13	50
Roxbury,	260	S. S. Arnold, *a. s.*	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	14	20	250	250	500	150	1 in 13	50
Salem,	1555	Wm. Page, *P.*	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	33	46	280	280	560	955	1 in 34	80
South-Newmarket,	516	Winthrop Fifield, *a. s.*	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	17	22	160	160	320	196	1 in 23	45
Stoddard,	1105		1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	34	38	100	100	200	805	1 in 29	70
Thornton,	1012		1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	6	10	37	37	75	937	1 in 100	
Warner,	2038		1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	34	83	117	275	275	550	1483	1 in 17	100
Wilmot,	1272		1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	18	30	200	200	400	672	1 in 42	
Wentworth,	1197		1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	11	11	22	.	.	.	.	1 in 54	
Warren,	1200		.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.									
	83,989		41	25	17	23	3	3	4	8	3	544	1056	1600	12,115	11,715	23,830	47,000		2,500

Names of Towns.	Population.	Names of Ministers.	Any stated church prayer-meeting?	Valuation of property in the town.	Valuation of property in Congregational church and society.	Amount paid in town for Cong. preaching.	Amount p'd for all other evangelical preaching.	Am't of missionary aid.	Salaries of Congregat'l ministers.	Religious charities.	Number of schools in town.	State of education.	Religious newspapers.	State of morals.	Religious prospects.
Alstead Center,	600	Nath'l Barker, *s. s.*	Yes.	$567,559	$20,000	$300	.	.	$300	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Not good.
Alton,	1800	Thomas L. Ellis, *s. s.*	. .	682,611	. .	200	$350	$200	500	$75,00	. .	Fair.	. .	Not good.	Not good.
Auburn,	810	John Holmes, *P.*	Yes.	301,296	10,000	400	200	.	400	50,00	8	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
Berlin Falls,	300														
Bennington,	541		Yes.	177,137	. .	300	.	100	400	50,00	5	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Fair.
Bradford,	1341	Carey Russell, *s. s.*	Yes.	413,759	. .	235	600	100	335	50,00	. .	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Bristol,	1103	John Clark, *s. s.*	Yes.	330,076	. .	400	600	.	400	. .	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
Canaan,	2000	Moses Gerould, *P.*	Yes.	566,573	8,738	300	300	200	500	30,00	. .	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Centre-Harbor,	544	Almon Benson, *P.*	Yes.	142,241	. .	150	.	100	250	100,00	8	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Charlestown,	1644	John G. Wilson, *ss.*	Yes.	896,874	10,000	350	.	200	550	60,00	13	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Conway,	1769	Reuben Kimball, *s. s.*	Yes.	426,468	. .	400	.	100	500	20,00	18	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Croydon,	861		. .	275,205	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	.	Not good.	Not good.
Colebrook,	908		. .	244,455	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	.	Not good.	Not good.
Danbury,	944	Daniel Goodhue, *P.*	. .	253,253	12,000	250	300	150	400	35,00	10	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
Dover,	10,000	B. F. Parsons, *P.*	Yes.	3,629,332	27,000	550	.	200	750	150,00	16	Fair.	Many.	Not good.	Fair.
Dublin,	1088	E. F. Abbott, *P.*	Yes.	484,465	. .	225	.	175	400	. .	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Not good.
East-Alstead,	400	B. Smith.	Yes.	587,539	30,000	270	300	100	370	75,00	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Not good.
Epsom,	1365	C. Willey, *s. s.*	. .	375,780	84,450	400	300	.	400	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Fair.
Gilsum,	666	Ezra Adams, *P.*	Yes.	195,581	16,000	225	250	75	300	95,00	7	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Fair.
Goshen,	659	H. Richardson, *s. s.*	Yes.	165,565	. .	225	200	75	300	30,00	. .	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Not good.
Great Falls,	7000	Elias Chapman, *P.*	Yes.	1,974,992	. .	600	.	200	800	. .	11	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Fair.
Gorham,	500		. .	128,839	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	.	Bad.	Not good.
Groton,	776	Liba Conant.	. .	211,401	8,000	100	100	100	100	50,00	5	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Fair.
Harrisville,	400	Wm. G. Tuttle. *P.*	Yes.	. .	23,573	400	.	.	400	75,00	3	Fair.	Many.	Not good.	Not good.
Hebron,	565	Liba Conant, *s. s.*	Yes.	132,256	8,500	75	75	100	175	35,00	. .	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Fair.
Hooksett,	1600		Yes.	561,103	10,000	400	150	160	500	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good.
Lee,	863	Mason Morse, *s. s.*	. .	359,059	. .	300	100	200	500	30,00	. .	Fair.	Few.	Fair.	Fair.
Litchfield,	447	Eben'r Newhall.	. .	270,225	75,000	150	.	150	300	11,00	5	Fair.	Few.	Not good.	Not good
Piscataquog,	1000	G. W. Bowman.	Yes.	. .	. .	350	.	250	600	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Bad.	Not good.
Manchester,	23,000	Lyman Marshall, *P*	Yes.	9,276,438	. .	450	.	150	600	. .	. .	Good.	Many.	Bad.	Bad.
Meredith,	3500	Charles Burnham, *P.*	Yes.	577,565	18,000	400	.	150	550	100.00	20	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
Milan,	800		. .	161,732	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	.	Bad.	Bad.
Enfield,	1742		. .	555,383	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Bad.	Bad.
Nottingham,	1268		. .	475,997	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	Few.	Bad.	Bad.
Newmarket,	2000	J. M. Palmer, *s. s.*	Yes.	813,997	. .	500	1,000	100	600	20,00	5	Fair.	Many.	Not good.	Fair.
Roxbury,	260	S. S. Arnold *s. s.*	Yes.	93,744	11,137	200	.	100	300	50,00	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
Salem,	1555	Wm. Page, *P.*	Yes.	406,318	. .	300	350	100	400	50,00	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	Fair.
South-Newmarket,	516	Winthrop Fifield, *s. s.*	Yes.	278,144	. .	215	400	100	400	60,00	. .	Fair.	Many.	Fair.	
Stoddard,	1105		No.	394,964	. .	350	.	100	450	42,58	. .	Fair.	Fair.	Not good.	Dark.
Thornton,	1012		No.	253,717	2,000	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	Not good.	. .	Bad.	Dark.
Warner,	2038		Yes.	633,561	32,500	400	450	100	500	125,00	24	Fair.	Many.	Not good.	Fair.
Wilmot,	1272		No.	262,600	. .	.	.	100	400	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Bad.	Bad.
Wentworth,	1197		No.	374,118	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	Fair.	Few.	Bad.	Bad.
Warren,	1200		. .	294,447											
	83,980			30,019,249	. .	9,790	7,875	3,875	14,630	1,369 58					

EXPLANATION OF THE PRECEDING TABLE.

The items under several heads of the foregoing statistical tables are very imperfect. This is unavoidable, as all the facts in the case could not be ascertained. It will be noticed there are many blanks in several of the columns. Data for filling them could not be obtained, but so far as they are filled they may be considered as substantially correct.

The population of the towns and cities, their valuation, the number of members of Congregational and Presbyterian churches, male, female, and total, may be relied on as correctly given. No report is attempted of the number of members of other evangelical churches. The table showing numbers in Sabbath Schools states only the attendants in the schools of our own denomination: Congregational and Presbyterian. The average attendance on public worship in the above named denominations is given as accurately as counting can give it. The average attendance in all other places of worship in a given town is represented as given by my informants, who were generally to be relied on. For occasional attendants I have, as the table shows, put down a number generally the same as the average. Different persons will form different estimates as to the number who should be included under this designation, but none, probably, will claim it exceeds the average number actually present at public worship in good weather. The number of non-attendants in each town must be as many, certainly, as stated.

Several towns named in the table have not Missionary churches in them, as Auburn, Bristol, Harrisville; but our churches in these towns are very feeble, and having labored with them, at their special request I have reported them in the table.

It will be noticed that in the table are the cities of Manchester and Dover, and the large town of Great Falls. They are put into the table, as we have Missionary churches in them all; but in estimating the religious influence in these large places I do not take into the account the strong churches of our denomination, or of any other denomination in these places. My object has been to show the state of our feeble churches in them, and yet to exhibit the necessity of sustaining these churches. I have entered in the table their population, the average, occasional and total attendance on public worship in them, the number of non-attendants, &c. It should be stated that on the column of occasional attendants in Manchester, the number is put down as being the same as the average attendants—6300; making the total attendants 12,600; but this is undoubtedly quite too large an estimate, even including, as is done, the 4000 Roman Catholics who are supposed to attend either constantly or occasionally. The total number of Protestants who are fairly represented at the house of God on the Sabbath in this city, does not probably exceed 7000. Add to this large estimate the 4000 Catholics supposed to be present at public worship, and the whole number would be 11,000; not quite one half the inhabitants of the city. In this city are ten places of public Protestant worship, including the Unitarian and Universalist, at the latter of which it is claimed that 1000 attend regularly. Let the average attendance at each be 400; the attendance then at the ten places would be 4,000; as many undoubtedly as can be found ordinarily in all the houses of Protestant worship in the city. The facts in this case cannot be easily ascertained, but it is believed the estimate will include all who can be considered as connected either directly or indirectly with the avowed worshippers of God in his house on the Sabbath. These remarks in regard to Manchester will apply substantially in regard to Dover and Great Falls.

It will be noticed that the names of some towns, as Gorham, Berlin, &c., are found in the table, but no other statistics than the population and the valuation. The reason of this is, there are no churches, no regular preaching, or religious meetings of any kind in them.

While, as above remarked, the statistics are in many respects imperfect, the table will be of service as showing the population and valuation of the towns enumerated in the table, in what towns in the State are feeble churches of our denomination; what churches of other denominations have an existence, real or nominal; the extent of membership of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches; the attendance, average, occasional and total, at all places of worship; proportion of members of Congregational churches to the entire population of the town; number of members in Sabbath Schools connected with these churches; the amount paid in the several towns to support the institutions of the gospel in connection with our Missionary churches; the amount of Missionary aid rendered to such; salaries of our Missionaries; the amount paid, so far as known, to support evangelical preachers of other denominations; a judgment founded on representations made on reliable testimony of the state of education, moral, and religious prospects, &c. Great pains have been taken to have the table correct as possible, but I am aware it does not give the real truth in all cases, as this could not be ascertained. All that is claimed in relation to it is, that where certainty cannot be ascertained, there is approximation to the truth.

WM. CLARK.

The Treasury.

The receipts of the year from all sources have been $7084,28, which is $1421,08 more than the amount received the preceding year. The balance on hand at the close of the account last year was $1921,27, which, including $690,16, contributed for the American Home Missionary Society, make the resources of the Society for the year $9005,55. The donations, legacies, and income of permanent fund for the N. H. Missionary Society amount to $6394,12. The amount sent to New-York directly by churches and individuals is $1604,27, which, added to the sum received into our Treasury, makes the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions $8148,55, which is $1488,08 in advance of the sum raised the preceding year. The legacies for both Societies are $2155,21, which leave $5993,33 for donations. The legacies for the N. H. Missionary Society are $1296,44, and the donations $5097,68, which exceed the donations of the preceding year by $476,14.

Of the receipts, the Female Cent Institution has contributed $1516,10, which is $36,41 more than the sum contributed the year before.

The disbursements have been $7065,76, of which $6375,60 were expended in New-Hampshire, leaving a balance on hand of $1939,79.

Classification of Feeble Churches.

With the whole field spread out before us, with all its lights and shades, its past history and future promise, what should be the true policy of the Society with reference to accomplishing the greatest amount of good with the means it may have at command? We beg leave to say, in answering this question, that in our opinion the policy which the Society has pursued since 1825, in spending the most of its resources upon feeble churches, to enable them to sustain a regular and permanent ministry, should be modified. This is indeed no new policy. To some extent the Society—that is, the Trustees—have always acted upon it since they adopted the system of aiding feeble churches. Not that these churches should be abandoned and excluded from the sympathies and charities, if needed, of their brethren, but that a system of classification should be adopted and carried out where it can be applied, so that the Society can pursue another department of missionary labor on a more extended scale, and these churches still enjoy the ordinances of the gospel. We are not now prepared to name the churches which might be associated in the support of the ministry. We only say that the proximity of some of them to each other is such that they might be classified, leaving in some instances one minister to occupy a field which has been occupied by two or three ministers. Were this plan carried out, with the approbation and support of the friends of the cause, the combined ability of these churches would give a ministry enjoyed by them a more liberal support, and leave the Missionary Society with the ability to accomplish much more by way of missionary labor among the destitute and waste places of the State than it has ever yet done.

With the fact in view that the present system of aiding feeble churches has made it necessary for the Society to contract a scale of annual liabilities at the rate of about $6,500, while its income from donations, exclusive of legacies, has ranged for the last ten years from $4,600 to $5,700 in round numbers, or an average of only $5,100, it is natural to enquire, Shall it have the means to aid every feeble church in the State that may apply for aid, in the support of one minister for each, at the rate of from $100 to 200, and at the same time have the means to support all the itinerant laborers that are needed on the field? That the Churches and the friends of the cause have the ability to increase the income of the Society at least a hundred per cent., and that they ought to do it, there can be no question. But will they do it? Legacies are an uncertain reliance as a source of income. It is reasonable to expect more or less aid from legacies every year; but it is not safe to rely upon any permanent income from legacies that shall be equal to what it has averaged in past years. Some years the receipts from legacies have been thousands, while in others they have been nothing, or next to nothing. But considering the voluntary contributions of the people to the cause for the past ten years or more, and considering all the influences, both favorable and unfavorable, that will probably affect the amount of those contributions, is it wise, is it reasonable, is it safe to the best interests of Zion, to plunge the Society into financial embarrassments from which a discouraging curtailment can only relieve it? But we advocate not the extension of the classification policy merely to save means for a more enlarged system of itinerant missionary labor, but as a measure for enabling the Society to accomplish the *greatest* amount of good. That it is the duty of the Society always to inquire how it can appropriate its funds so as to meet the greatest want, all things considered, and effect the most for the kingdom of Christ, is not debatable. How to do that is the question now before us, with an interest and importance it never before assumed.

With regard to the matter of doing more for the cultivation of our desolations, we remark, that there have been but few if any years in the Society's history when it has not done more or less in sustaining itinerant missions in the State; but the amount of this kind of labor for the last quarter of a century has been small; and yet it has been as large as the Society has had the means of sustaining. It cannot now be increased very much, with its present rate of income and the present rate of expenditure for the support of the ministry over individual churches. The time has now come—indeed it has never been absent—when the Providence of God calls upon the Missionary Society to act more in character as an almoner of salvation to the many thousands of our population, who have no Sabbath worship, no under-shepherds, and no adequate instrumentalities for their moral and spiritual life. And as the calls of Providence are always consistent with each other, the duty of the Society, it seems to us, is thus clearly indicated to provide itself with the means of

carrying on this enlarged branch of its operations, by spending less in the support of a stated ministry over individual feeble churches. In order to carry into successful operation such a modification of our system, there must be cordial coöperation, both of the feeble churches themselves, and of all of the supporters of the cause, with the Society.

The American Home Missionary Society.

The Thirty-First Report of this Society states that there were 974 laborers employed on its field, who were distributed in twenty-four different States and Territories. In the New-England States there were 271, in the Middle States 191, in the Southern States 6, and in the Western States and Territories 506, including 23 on the Pacific coast. The aggregate amount of ministerial labor performed was 780 years. The whole number of congregations and missionary stations which were either fully or partially supplied, was 1,985. Not far from 62,500 Sabbath school scholars were connected with the congregations aided. The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 589 missionaries, amounted to $25,049.87. Sixty revivals were reported, and 352 missionaries reported 2,222 hopeful conversions. There were added to the churches 2,637 by profession, and 2,913 by letter — total, 5,550. Fifty-four churches were organized, and forty-six became independent. Fifty-three houses of worship were completed, thirty-five repaired or improved, and forty-nine were in building. Twenty parsonages were provided, and five young men connected with the churches were preparing for the ministry.

The receipts for the year were $178,060.68, which were $15,487.69 less than the receipts of the previous year. This diminution of the receipts was chiefly owing to the reduced amount of legacies received during the year. There was a decrease of twelve in the number of missionaries employed, while there was an increase of five in the aggregate of labor, and of twenty in the number of congregations regularly supplied. There was also an increase in revivals, hopeful conversions, additions to the churches, and pupils connected with the Sabbath schools. The Report closes with the following noble sentiments:

"The evangelization of this North-American continent, and of the spreading race that may yet flow from it to all habitable parts of the earth, is a task that surpasses human power, and the scheme of it is too much for human forecast. The *plan of God*, revealed in successive parts by his Providence, is the only plan that it is safe to trust. Whatever directions, limits, delays or accelerations that imposes, must be welcomed as the ordinance of the only wisdom that seeth the end from the beginning. Holding fast, then, by God's hand, and following, as becometh his children, in his steps, we may hope to walk without stumbling or losing our way; knowing no other wisdom than to fulfil, as near as may be, the duties of each day, as it rises; to face every exigency, as it comes; adhering faithfully to all vital principles of God's word; manfully obeying and

boldly proclaiming them, and then leaving events in the hands of the Almighty.

"On such grounds we stand; and, having done all, here expect to stand; rejoicing to be permitted ourselves to bear testimony to the truth, as well as to aid in its proclamation, and in its triumphal progress round the world.

"'*The counsel of the Lord standeth forever.*' '*Wait on the Lord,* AND KEEP HIS WAY, AND HE SHALL EXALT THEE TO INHERIT THE LAND!'"

Grounds of Encouragement.

It is no more true in the secular than it is in the religious affairs of men, that there is a sunny as well as a shady side. In all interests that are strictly moral, which have for their end the preparation of the soul for another world, and whose results are yet only partially developed, the sunny side is the divine side, and the shady the human; or, in more natural terms, there are grounds both of encouragement and discouragement. It is so with respect to the work in which the Society is engaged. Would we, then, arrive at correct opinions, and learn the extent to which our activities should be applied, we should make our deductions from the facts and principles presented by the whole aspect of the picture. If we ignore the one side or the other, our estimate of duty in the premises will be more or less erroneous, and the results of our labors will not be equal to our predictions nor our hopes; and the same will be true if we give the one side or the other a greater consideration than it relatively deserves, or allow not the modifying effects upon our views and purposes which the peculiarities of each side ought ever to have.

It may be that we have hitherto dwelt too much upon the shady or human side of the field of our labors; or, if we have been wise in estimating the amount of discouragements it has presented, perhaps we have been too unmindful of the sunny side, or the sources of power to overcome every obstacle, and to crown our efforts with triumphant success. What are, then, these sources of power? What are the grounds of our encouragement to toil on to strengthen the things that remain, and to build up the old wastes in New-Hampshire? Though the answer to this question may be readily anticipated, it may be well to entertain it a moment as a means of animating us with new vigor, and with fresh hopes for the work before us.

Were there no other field of inquiry for the influences which secure the success of missions than that which alone embraces human instrumentalities, we might, even though ministers might be angels, and all the cattle upon the thousand hills were holiness to the Lord, relinquish the work in despair, hang our harps upon the willows, and weep when we remembered Zion. This day should be recorded as the season of our last anniversary, and no more should we assemble to review the history of our own impotency; and well might we through life seek only for things seen and temporal, were all the sources of hope and encouragement to be drawn from the efficacy of our own prayers, labors or substance. But, blessed be the

counsels of Infinite Wisdom, the two volumes of the revelation of divine mercy, and the history of God's moral kingdom on earth, are before us. In the one, we are taught that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord;" and in the other, we have the record of the glorious fulfilment of his promise to send the Comforter unto his people. Thus we have the demonstration that all the efficiency of the work of missions is of God, and that he only can accomplish it. The very nature of this work places it beyond the sphere of human ability. It is no less than a moral creation; a raising of the dead to life; a clearing away of the darkness which hides the glories of immortality from the visions of the soul.

To bring sinners to Christ, penitent for transgression, and believing in his name, and to make them fit for eternal redemption through his blood, is the mission on which this Society is sent. We may build houses of worship and of intellectual and educational training, and we may dry up many of the springs of impurity and moral debasement; but if we accomplish nothing more, we labor only for time — for the outward, while the whole field of the inward is still a desolation. The social will build the meeting-house, and the civil will build the school-house, while the spiritual is the only agency competent to prepare a temple for the Holy Ghost. Such is our agency in name. Let it be such in fact and in deed. We should go forth into the wilderness, and throughout all the regions untaught of God, seeking to bring men to his knowledge; and when, in token of his approbation, and in answer to promise and prayer, he has opened the treasures of his name to their comprehension and joy, we have finished our mission in doing it; multitudes are blessed with the kingdom of Heaven and all else needful.

As it concerns ourselves, the only thing that can be made a question is the ground of our reliance for the success of our efforts. Let us but possess the conviction that God is our strength, and that he will, through us, save men from their sins, our measure of encouragement will always be full. We shall have it in the blessed experience of hope which his grace will work in the new-born soul. That will be enough for evidence that we have had the mind of Christ, and enough to encourage us to hold on our way, and that we shall be made the instruments of life to many still dead in sin.

In behalf of the Trustees,

B. P. STONE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1857.

DR. *The New-Hampshire Missionary Society in Account with* BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Treasurer.* CR.

To cash paid feeble churches and missionaries,.....	$4.940.36	By donations to the N. H. Miss. Society,.....	$5,096.40
To cash paid Am. Home Miss. Society, donations and legacy of $100,.....	690.16	By donations and legacies for Am. Home Miss. So.,	690.16
To cash paid Rev. Wm. Clark's salary for one year,	700.00	By legacies,.....	1,196.44
To cash paid " " traveling expenses, stationery, postage,.....	174.09	By income from Permanent Fund,.....	101.28
To cash paid Sec'y and Treasurer's salary,.....	125.00	By balance from last year's account,.....	1,921.27
To cash paid do.'s expenses, stationery and postage,	33.20		
To cash paid McFarland & Jenks for printing 1217 large, and 3023 Cent Reports.....	143.29		
To cash paid Treasuress of Cent Institution, salary,	15.00		
To cash paid Mrs. B. P. Stone for arranging papers,	8.00		
To cash paid orders of Londonderry Presbytery,...	223.00		
To cash paid Wm. Butterfield for blanks,.....	3.25		
To cash paid freight on box from New-York,.....	2.25		
To cash paid Trustees' trav. expenses to Concord,	8.16		
To balance carried to new account,.....	1,939.79		
	$9,005.55		$9,005.55

This may certify that I have carefully examined the account of BENJAMIN P. STONE, as Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, for the past year, and find the same faithfully and carefully kept, and well vouched, and that there is a balance of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents in his hands.

CONCORD, AUGUST 21, 1851.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

RECEIPTS OF THE N. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1857 : B. P. STONE, TREASURER.

Amherst—Benevolent Society, for A. H. M. S. 40.55; Aaron Lawrence, to constitute Mrs. Simeon D. Spaulding, of Weston, Vt., life member of A. H. M. S., 30.00, ... $70.55

Antrim—Presbyterian church and society, ... 8.00

Bath—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Dea. Geo. Morrison, and in part to constitute Dea. Mechael life member of A. H. M. S., ... 45.60

Barrington—Congregational church and society, ... 6.20

Bedford—Presbyterian church and society, 100,00; an aged lady, 3,50, . 103.50

Bethlehem—Congregational church and society, ... 16.64

Bristol—Congregational church and society, ... 13.50

Bradford—Congregational church and society, ... 7.00

Boscawen—Cong. church and society, 16.83; Dr. Thomas Peach, annual subscription, 2.00, ... 18.83

Boscawen, West—Cong. church and society, ... 20.35

Brookline—Cong. church and society, ... 51.30

Campton—Cong. church and society, 12.00; N. H. Blair, 5,00; David Bartlett, 2,00, ... 19.00

Canaan—Monthly concert, ... 14.00

Candia—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Wm. T. Herrick life member of A. H. M. S., ... 51.17

Canterbury—Cong. church and society, ... 20.00

Charlestown—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. J. G. Wilson life member, ... 30.00

Chichester—Rev. S. M. Blanchard, life member of A. H. M. S., one half paid to the same, ... 30.00

Chester—Cong. church and society, for 1856, to constitute John White life member, ... 50.00

Claremont—Cong. church and society, ... 17.00

Concord—First Cong. church and society—subscription, 132.50, of which 7.60 in full to constitute J. B. Walker and C. F. Stewart life members; Francis N. Fisk, to constitute his son, Francis A. Fisk, life member, 30.00; Mrs. Emily Farnum, in part to constitute Rhoda C. Farnum life member, 5.00; Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, in part to constitute her daughter, Mrs. Susan B. Jewell, of Boston, life member, 5.00; Mrs. N. Stickney, for the A. H. Miss., 5.00; Dea. Benj. Farnum, in part to constitute his daughter, Rhoda C., life member, 5.00; Mrs. Ann G. Merrill, life member, 5.00; Robert Davis, 2d instalment, 5.00; monthly concert, 18.77, . . 211.27

Concord, East—Dea. John Eastman, in part to constitute Mrs. Lucinda B., Miss Mellen C. and Miss Anna A. Eastman life members, 5.00 each, ... 15.00

Concord, South—Cong. church and society, 63,00; Rev. Henry E. Parker, in part life member, 5,00; Rev. Benj. P. Stone, 5.00, . . 73.00

Concord, West—Cong. church and society, ... 15.40

Center-Harbor—Cong. church and society, 7.42; John C. Page, in part to constitute his son, William C., life member of A. H. M. S., 5.00, ... 12.42

Conway—Cong. church and society, 33.03; Z. Cutler, Esq., 3.00, . . 36.03

Cornish—Cong. church and society, ... 5.00

Croydon—Mrs. Sally Wakefield, for the A. H. Miss. So., ... 5.00

Danbury—Church and society, in part to constitute Dea. Joshua Jackson life member, ... 1.25

Deerfield—Cong. church and society, ... 17.71

Derry—First church and society, ... 100.00

Derry—Cong. church and society, 25.00; 2d payment to constitute Rev. E. G. Parsons life member of A. H. M. S., 33.30, . . . 58.30

Dover—Belknap Cong. church and society, ... 35.00

Durham—Cong. church and society, ... 38.25

Dublin—Rev. Daniel McClenning, ... 3.00

Dunbarton—Cong. church and society, ... 12.55

Epping—Cong. church and society, ... 11.75

Fitzwilliam—Cong. church and society, ... 13.30

Farmington—Cong. church and society, ... 18.47

Francestown—Cong. church and society, to constitute Amos French life member, ... 37.00

Franconia—Cong. church and society, ... 1.00

Fisherville—Henry Rolfe, in full to constitute himself life member of A. H. M. S., ... 10.00

Franklin—Cong. church and society, ... 24.00

Gilmanton—Cong. church and society, 9.39; Rev. J. M. Sargent, annual subscription, 2.00, ... 11.39

Gilmanton Iron-Works—Cong. church and society, ... 6.24

Gilsum—Cong. church and society, ... 16.25

Goshen—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. M. Willey life member, 30.00; Miss Sarah Dodge, 5.00, ... 35.00

Greenfield—Cong. church and society, ... 21.68

Greenland—Cong. church and society, 11.00; also, 18.00,. 29.00

Great Falls—Cong. church and society, in full (11.25 previously paid) to constitute Mrs. Geo. N. Anthony, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Shapleigh, and Mrs. Eliza E. Bates life members, the balance, 14.25, in part to constitute Dea. Jeremiah W. Orange life member, ... 93.00

Great Falls—2d Cong. church, Rev. E. Chapman, ... 5.00

Groton—Cong. church and society, ... 5.00

Hancock—Cong. church and society, ... 12.35

Hanover—Dartmouth College Church, ... 30.00

Harrisville—Cong. church and society, ... 28.40

Haverhill—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dr. Homer H. Tenney life member, and in part to constitute Jacob Bell life member, ... 53.00

Hebron—Cong. church and society, ... 10.00

Hillsborough—Othni Crosby, ...50

Hillsborough Bridge—Cong. church and society, in full to constitute Mrs. Nancy Robbins life member, ... 11.26

Henniker—Cong. church and society, 22.25; do. for the A. H. M. S. 58.33, 80.58

Hinsdale—Cong. church and society, 12.62; Rev. Moses H. Wells, 10.00. 22.62

Hopkinton—Cong. church and society, to constitute ———— life member, ... 58.02

Hudson—Mrs. Granville Hill's Sabbath school class, 2.00; Cong. church and society, 9.09, ... 11.09

Hollis—Cong. church and society, for the A. H. M. S., 30.00; do. for A. H., 54.04, ... 81.04

Jaffrey—1st Cong. church and society, ... 4.03

Jaffrey—2d Cong. church and society, ... 9.00

Keene—Gentlemen's Association, 55.00; monthly concert, 24.88; Ladies' Heshbon Society, 15.00; Dr. Daniel Adams, in full to constitute Daniel C. Adams life member of A. H. M. S., 15.00, 109.88

Laconia—Cong. church and society, 25.53; Rev. John K. Young, 4th instalment to constitute his daughter Ellen life member, 5.00, 30.53

Lancaster—Cong. church and society, ... 28.17

Lebanon—Cong. church and society, ... 15.36

Litchfield—Presbyterian church and society, ... 11.00

Littleton—Cong. church and society, 10.00; Sylvester Balch, 10.00, . 20.00

Londonderry—Pres. church and society, in part to constitute James Nevins life member, ... 14.00

Lyme—Cong. church and society, ... 137.50

Lyndeborough—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. E. B. Claggett life member, ... 42.11

Manchester—First Cong. church and society, to constitute Eben C. Foster, Geo. W. Pinkerton, John Price and Horace Pattee life members, ... 137.50

Manchester—Franklin Street Cong. church and society, ... 42.11

Meriden—Cong. church and society, 50.77; Mrs. Charlotte Hart, 1.00 . 51.77

Meredith Village—Cong. church and society, 27.04; Mrs. Susan H. Sanborn, 2.00, ... 29.04

Merrimack—A friend, ... 2.00

Milton—Mrs. Wallingford, ... 5.00

Marlborough—Cong. church and society, in part to constitute Asa Maynard life member of A. H. M. S., ... 20.12

Mont-Vernon—C. B. Southworth, ... 5.00

Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge, annual subscription, ... 2.00

Nashua—First church and society, to constitute —— ———— life member of A. H. M. S., 77.55; J. A. Wheat, 2d instalment, to constitute his daughter, Emma S., life member of the A. H. M. S., 10.00; Mary B. Bradford, 10.00, . . 97.55

Nashua—Olive Street church and society, for A. H. Miss., ... 103.70

Nelson—Cong. church and society, ... 13.24
New-Alstead—Cong. church and society, 6.00; Mrs. Betsey D. Newell, in part, life member, 10.00, ... 16.00
New-Boston—Pres. church and society, ... 7.00
North-Hampton—Cong. ch and so., 26.00; ladies' Sewing Circle, in part to constitute Mrs. Althea C. Dinsmore, life member, 20.00, 46.00
Northwood—Cong. church and society, ... 5.00
Orford—West Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. W. A. Smith and Dea. Henry Blanchard life members, ... 60.00
Ossipee-Center—Cong. church and society, in full to constitute Dea. Jonathan Ambrose life member, ... 24.00
Ossipee-Corner—Luther D. Sawyer, Esq., in part, to constitute his son life director of A. H. M. S., ... 5.00
Pelham—Cong. church and society, ... 27.15
Peterborough—Cong. church and society, ... 6.00
Peterborough—Pres. church and society, ... 5.10
Pittsfield—Cong. church and society, 27.57; Dea. R. L. French, in part, to constitute his daughter, L. C. French, life member, 5.00; Mrs Ann C. Berry, in part to constitute her daughter, Mary Jane Berry, life member, 5.00, ... 37.57
Plainfield—Cong. church and society, ... 15.00
Plaistow and North Haverhil, Ms.—Cong Church and society, . . . 12.00
Portsmouth—North Cong. church and society, ... 245.48
Plymouth—Cong. church and society, 18.45; Rev. W. R. Jewett, in full, to constitute his nephew, Edward J. Tucker, life member, 4.00; James McQuesten, in part, to constitute his wife life member, 5.00: a friend, in part, to constitute Deborah D. Keniston life member, 20.00, ... 47.45
Raymond—Cong. church and society, ... 14.14
Rindge—Ladies' Home Miss. Society, 9.35; church and society, 20.00; Dea. J. A. Breed, 10.00, ... 39.35
Rollinsford—Cong. church and society, ... 22.77
Roxbury—Cong. church and society, 5.00; Rev. S. S. Arnold, 10.00; Mrs. Lawrence, 1.00; a lady, 1.00; Widow Nims, 3.00, . 20.00
Rye—Cong. church and society, ... 26.00
Salem—Cong. church and society, ... 9.58
Salmon Falls—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Edmund E. Atwater life member, ... 30.00
Salisbury—Cong. church and society, ... 17 00
Sanbornton—Cong. church and society, two cols., ... 34.87
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society, with 5.00 by Rev. Mr. Curtice, in full to constitute John Mooney life member, 1.00; and 19.00 in part to constitute Mrs. Martha E. Curtice life member, ... 20.00
South-Newmarket—Cong. church and society, 12.00; Rev. W. Fifield, in full, to constitute his daughter, Ellen S., life member, 5.00, 17.00
South-Merrimack—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute Rev. D. Sawyer life member, ... 4.00
Sullivan—Cong. church and society, two cols., ... 35.53

Swanzey—Cong. church and society, 10.00; monthly concert, 12.00; Rev. Dr. Rockwood, 10.00, ... 32.00

Tamworth—Cong. church and society, in full, to constitute John Marston life member, and, in part, to constitute Miss Mary Jackson life member, ... 28.88

Temple—Cong. church and society, ... 13.00

Thornton—Individuals, 7.00; Deacons Gilman and Davis, 3.00, . . 10.00

Walpole—Cong. church and society, in part, to constitute ————, life member, ... 14.00

Warren—Geo. W. Prescott, ... 5.00

Warner—Abner B. Kelly, Esq., ... 1.00

Washington—Cong. church and society, ... 10.00

Winchester—Ladies' Home Miss. Society, in full, to constitute David S. Sabin life member of A. H. M. S.; in full, to constitute Mrs. Eunice Holmes life member of A. H. M. S.; 5.00, in part, to constitute G. H. S. Buffum life member of A. H. M. S., and the balance, 25.00, in part, to constitute Mrs. S. H. Alexander life member of A. H. M. S., . . . 77.50

Windham—Pres. church and society, ... 28.20

Westmoreland, South—Cong. church and society, ... 10.69

West-Stewartstown—Moses Bickard, ... 2.00

Wentworth—George D. Dean, 4.00; Individuals, 5.00, ... 9.00

Wolfborough—Cong. church and society, ... 10.00

Wolfborough, North—Rev. Stephen Merrill, in part, to constitute his wife, Mrs. Clarissa Merrill, life member, ... 10.00

West Lebanon—Cong. church and society, ... 27.00

LEGACIES.

Conway—Legacy of Lydia Merrill, ... 95.34

Franklin—Legacy of Kendall O. Peabody, ... 990.10

Wakefield—Legacy of Miss Catherine K. Barker, ... 10.00

Wilmington, Ms.—Legacy of Miss Mary Nichols, ... 100.00

Wilton—Legacy of Miss Sarah J. Abbott, to constitute Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan life director of A. H. M. S., ... 100.00

Rindge—Legacy of Josiah Stratton, ... 1.00

OTHER RECEIPTS.

New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, ... 1,515.85

Income of Permanent Fund, ... 101.28

Merrimack County Conference of Churches, to constitute the Congregational church in Dunbarton life member, ... 30.00

Interest on the Peabody legacy, ... 59.41

Sullivan County Conference of Churches, ... 14.91

Collection at the General Association at Exeter, ... 48.77

A friend in Carroll county, ... 5.00

THE FOLLOWING TABLES WILL SHOW AT A GLANCE THE AVERAGE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY EACH CHURCH MEMBER, INCLUDING THE SUMS CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TABLE 1.

Counties.	Amount.	Ch. members.	Average.	Remarks.
Rockingham,	$1,000.54	3230	31 cts.	From the following chhs. nothing has been received during the year: *Alton*, Barnstead, Bridgewater, Effingham, Gilmanton East, Moultonborough, 1st and 2d, *Milton*, *Sandwich*, Sandwich North, *Tuftonboro'*, *Wakefield*, Atkinson, Auburn, Hampstead, Mason and Mason Vill., Milford, Nashua Pearl st., *New-Ipswich* 1st and 2d, Wilton, Andover, Fisherville, Hill, Warner, *Pembroke*, Wilmot, Colebrook, Dalton, Stewartstown, *Goffstown*, *Hooksett*, Manchester Mission church, Merrimack, Chesterfield, Alstead, Paper-Mill Village, Stoddard, Surry, Troy, Westmoreland 1st, Hanover Center, Orford East, *Piermont*, Wentworth, Brentwood, *Dover*, *Exeter First* and 2d, Hampton, *Kingston*, Newcastle, Newmarket, Rochester, Seabrook, Hampton Falls, Stratham, Acworth, Croydon, Langdon, Lempster 1st and 2d, *Newport*, Chichester, Loudon Center and Loudon Village, *Epsom*, Deering, Hillsborough Center, *Barrington* and Greenfield Evangelical. Total, 73 — containing 5977 members.
Strafford,	305.27	936	32 cts.	
Belknap,	201.26	947	21 cts.	
Carroll,	221.26	620	36 cts.	
Merrimack,	1,020.45	2963	35 cts.	
Hillsborough,	1,231,65	5303	23 cts.	
Cheshire,	579.44	2053	28 cts.	
Sullivan,	246.41	1311	19 cts.	
Grafton,	749.99	1627	45 cts.	
Coos,	37.65	207	18 cts.	

TABLE 2.*

Associations.	Amount.	Ch. members.	Average.
Belknap,	$365.35	1221	30 cts.
Caledonia,	63.69	176	36 cts.
Derry,	466.32	1691	29 cts.
Harmony,	244.36	739	33 cts.
Hollis,	494.08	3023	16 cts.
Hopkinton,	872.93	2425	36 cts.
Lancaster,	37.55	207	18 cts.
Manchester,	550.70	1404	38 cts.
Monadnock,	667.99	2053	33 cts.
Orange,	371.00	1155	32 cts.
Piscataqua,	764.91	2264	34 cts.
Sullivan,	360.38	1548	23 cts.
Suncook,	112.13	724	15 cts.
Union,	186.68	1021	18 cts.

* The Minutes of the General Association for 1856 are followed in the above tables. Contributions have been received from cent societies connected with those churches in Italics — in all 17, containing 1829 members, leaving 60 churches from which nothing has been received, except from a few individuals. In these 60 churches there are 4148 members. The above tables contain in round numbers $5,590, the whole amount, exclusive of legacies, contributed by all the churches in the State to the cause of Home Missions, which is 28 cents for each member on an average. But as there were 4148 church members who contributed nothing during the year, those who did contribute averaged 36 cents each. Had the 60 delinquent churches contributed in the same proportion, our receipts would have been increased about $1,500, and had all the 73 churches made contribution in the same proportion with those that took up congregational collections aside from the collections of cent societies, we should have received at least $2.500 more than we did receive.

We have made these statements that it may appear that the friends of the cause in this State have not yet come up to the standard of their obligations to Christ and his needy disciples.

TABLE

SHOWING THE PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

Years. Places.	Amount.	Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51,63	1820—Portsmouth,	2479,86
1802—Concord,	386,63	1831—Concord,	2371,34
1803—Concord,	300,46	1832—Amherst,	5820,75
1804—Concord,	405,09	1833—Keene,	5670,66
1805—Hopkinton,	602,84	1834—Meredith Bridge,	4843,24
1806—Hopkinton,	611,49	1835—Plymouth,	7795,24
1807—Hopkinton,	600,66	1836—Exeter,	4942,02
1808—Concord,	1290,48	1837—Claremont,	5506,14
1809—Concord,	735,92	1838—New-Ipswich,	5337,71
1810—Concord,	1288,27	1839—Lyme,	4783,98
1811—Dunbarton,	953,92	1840—Hampton,	4839,40
1812—Hollis,	1520,68	1841—Francestown,	5031,74
1813—Plymouth,	932,27	1842—Dover,	5435,90
1814—Hanover,	2638,90	1843—Nashua,	5830,38
1815—Keene,	2807,98	1844—Concord, (South,)	7391,36
1816—Concord,	2633,36	1845—Portsmouth,	4910,27
1817—Exeter,	2395,05	1846—Newport,	9027,15
1818—Dover,	2427,10	1847—Meredith Bridge, (Laconia,)	6554,51
1819—Haverhill,	2537,21	1848—Manchester, 1st church,	6992,18
1820—Portsmouth,	1712,56	1849—Plymouth,	6910,37
1821—New-Ipswich,	1851,07	1850—Great Falls,	7367,94
1822—Pembroke,	1755,13	1851—Acworth,	9954,47
1823—Acworth,	1846,20	1852—Pittsfield,	7896,50
1824—Londonderry, (Derry,)	2637,44	1853—Littleton,	10461,21
1825—Lyme,	1869,09	1854—Derry,	8417,53
1826—Durham,	1872,07	1854—Concord, 1st church,	7992,34
1827—Rindge,	3263,65	1856—Exeter, 1st church,	6690,47
1828—Salisbury,	1951,83	1857—Keene,	8148,55
1829—Newport,	2416,71		

Total amount raised in fifty-six years, ... $225,700,86

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Tilton Jeremiah, Sanbornton Br.
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RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church or congregation, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer to the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church and what held by all others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any; and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? what part of it has been raised by the church? how have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed.
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source; and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society, that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made beyond the term of one year. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply by ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least two thirds of one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property; that is, $6,67 on $1000.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees, or the executive committee.

NOTICES.

All applications for aid and returns of Missionaries, to be made, *post-paid*, to the secretary. Orders on the treasury drawn by the secretary. Missionaries to forward their statistical return to the secretary annually, post-paid, by the first of July. The returns to contain the number of church members, male and female, hopeful conversions, additions, removals and baptisms, within the year; also the number of sabbath school and bible class pupils, the amount contributed to each object of benevolence, and the state of morals and religion.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Bouton, Parker, Stone, of Concord, and Young, of Laconia, *Executive Committee.*

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

*The statement should include railroad and other stock, and all property owned out of town, as far as can be ascertained.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Society held its Annual Meeting for the transaction of business, in the Vestry of the Congregational Church, in Hampton, August 26, 1858, at 9 o'clock, A. M. President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. TOBEY. A series of resolutions which had been prepared by Piscataqua Association and adopted by an informal meeting of the friends of the cause, the evening previous, were presented; but, the hour arriving for the public exercises, the Society adjourned, to meet immediately after. The Society met according to adjournment, and adopted the resolutions, which are as follows:

The fact being ascertained that there are fifty or sixty towns in this State destitute of efficient religious instruction —

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to enter immediately upon the endeavor to supply *all* of these places with an instructive and pious ministry, as fast as Providence shall open them to our agency.

2. *Resolved*, That when the Society enter upon a new enterprise, they continue to furnish liberal and adequate aid till the church becomes a self-sustaining church, or till it becomes a manifest duty to abandon the field.

3. *Resolved*, That the exigencies of the State require the expenditure of at least fifteen thousand dollars a year on our own field.

4. *Resolved*, That we deem it the duty of the Society, through its Board of Trust, at once to endeavor to raise an annual income equal to an average of at least one dollar a member on the membership of our churches within the State.

5. *Resolved*, That for this purpose a brief circular, stating the wants of the State, and containing these resolves, be prepared and sent to the pastors or stated supplies, and deacons of the several churches, requesting them to call the church together to take action on the question, "Will you endeavor to raise for Home Missions an amount which shall be equal to at least an average of one dollar a member, on the membership of your church?" and return answer to the Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society add the following to their Rules: Each church and congregation aided shall take a collection yearly in behalf of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and each minister commissioned shall be expected to preach, at least annually, on the duty of sustaining the institutions of religion at home and abroad.

7. *Resolved*, That each County Conference be invited to form, where no such organization exists, an efficient Home Missionary Society, and make such arrangements as will secure the presentation of the Home Missionary cause once a year, in all our congregations, whether supplied with a pastor or not.

8. *Resolved*, That efficient measures be taken by each Association or County Conference to revive, reörganize or organize the Female Cent Society, in all our parishes, with the definite purpose of enrolling as many females, old and young, among its members, as possible, and of inducing as many as may be to take the standard of two cents a week, or one dollar a year.

9. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, to meet the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and to solicit and secure the liberty to draw a specified amount from their treasury, in case our own resources are exhausted, and instances of special need and hope present themselves still to be supplied.

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10. *Resolved*, That the State be divided into three districts; the first embracing the counties of Coös and Grafton; the second, the counties of Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll; the third, the counties of Merrimack, Hillsborough, Sullivan and Cheshire; and that to each district a District Missionary be appointed, who shall labor personally in these destitute fields, secure organizations and introduce other laborers, as he is able; secure the services of the settled ministry, as far as practicable, to preach where no other preaching can be had; — each District Missionary to receive such portion of his salary from the people among whom he labors as they can be induced to subscribe.

We recommend that the District Missionaries be invited to sit and deliberate with the Board of Trust, but not to vote.

We recommend that in every case what is due the Missionaries be promptly paid when due.

The above resolves and recommendations were, with slight differences, passed at a special meeting of the Piscataqua Association, and presented by a committee from that body to an informal meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, at Hampton, held on Wednesday evening, August 25, 1858; where they were passed in their present form, and unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the Society the next morning.

ASA MANN, *Scribe of the Informal Meeting of the N. H. M. S.*

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

His Excellency WILLAIM HAILE, Hinsdale, *President.*

GEORGE W. NESMITH, Esq., Franklin, *Vice-President.*

Rev. BENJAMIN P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord,
Rev. ALVAN TOBEY, Durham,
Hon. TURNER STEVENSON, Lancaster,
} *Trustees.*

L. D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, Concord,
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Plymouth,
Rev. ISAAC WILLEY, Goffstown,
} *Trustees elected in* 1857.

Rev. JACOB CUMMINGS, Exeter,
Rev. ASA P. TENNEY, West Concord,
Rev. JOHN H. MERRILL, Tamworth,
} *Trustees elected in* 1856.

Rev. Dr. BOUTON having declined reëlection as President, the Society passed a resolution of thanks for his long and faithful services.

The Society also passed a resolution of thanks to Dr. SMITH, for his interesting sermon on the occasion. Adjourned.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Secretary.*

PUBLIC MEETING.

The Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of the Society was held in the Congregational Meeting-House, in Hampton, August 26, 1858: The President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. DIMMICK, of Newburyport, Mass. The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, and ordered to be printed. The audience was then entertained by a sermon from Isa. 55:17, from Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., of New-York City, a Delegate from the American Home Missionary Society.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Secretary.*

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Annual Report of the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, read at the Anniversary of the Society in Hampton, eighteen years ago, commenced with the sacred words, "Occupy till I come." Since that time, the Master has come for several of our co-laborers in the missionary work, who were then present with us, either in body or spirit. It may be well to call them to remembrance. Rev. ABRAHAM BURNHAM, D. D., the President of the Society, and its second Secretary for fifteen years. Rev. ARCHIBALD BURGESS, Rev. CALVIN CUTLER, Rev. PHINEAS COOKE, Rev. EDWARD L. PARKER and Rev. JONATHAN FRENCH, D. D., were all members of the Board of Trustees at the time of our last meeting in this place. Beside these, our mortuary record contains the names of Rev. ETHAN SMITH, one of the founders of the Society, and its first Secretary for sixteen years, Rev. WALTER HARRIS, D. D., and Hon. DAVID L. MORRIL, who also were among its founders and trustees; also of Rev. DRURY FAIRBANK, Rev. JOHN M. WHITON, D. D., and Rev. SERENO T. ABBOTT, who had been members of the Trustees, the latter being in office at the time of his death. Among the most liberal clerical contributors to the funds of the Society, who have deceased, we may mention Rev. ISAAC HURD, D. D., Rev. JOHN M. ELLIS, Rev. JOSEPH LANE and Rev. JAMES MCEWEN, to which list we must add the name of Rev. ELISHA ROCKWOOD, D. D., of Swanzey, who deceased during the past year. These good men all died in faith, and in ardent sympathies for the Society whose fifty-seventh anniversary we celebrate to day, leaving us, their survivors, to listen still to the divine injunction, "Occupy till I come."

In presenting our Report for the year past it is important to state that the financial year closes on the 15th of August, while our statistical tables are made up for the year closing the 1st of July.

Churches and Missionaries.	Dates of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
1. ALTON. Rev. J. B. Thornton, *s. s.*	Sept. 17, 1857.	137.50	6	22	11	10	2			50		8.62
2. BERLIN. Rev. E. Burt, *M.*												
3. BROOKLINE. Rev. T. P. Sawin, *s. s.*	Sept. 1, 1857.	100.00	27	66	26	19	6	3	1	126		45.95
4. BETHLEHEM. Rev. Thomas Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 10, 1856.	100.00	13	34						60		
5. CANAAN. Rev. Moses Gerould, *s. s.*	Aug. 20, 1857.	150.00	9	33	3		4					
6. CENTER-HARBOR. Rev. A. Benson, *P.*	Sept. 1. 1857.	100.00	16	40	12	7	2					14.00
7. CHARLESTOWN. Rev. John G. Wilson, *s. s.*	April 6, 1857.	200.00										
8. CONWAY. Rev. R. Kimball, *s. s.*	Jan. 1, 1858.	100.00	22	87	7	3	3	1	1	180	33.03	13.80
9. DANBURY. Rev. D. Goodhue, *P.*	March 1, 1858.	150.00		50	1	1	1			110		
10. DORCHESTER, Rev. D. Pulsifer, *s. s.*	June 2, 1858.	60.00		7	19		4	2				
11. DOVER, Belknap Church. Rev. B. F. Parsons, *P.*	July 1, 1858.	200.00	16	71	21	14	2	2	1	175	35.00	20.00
12. DUBLIN. Rev. E. F. Abbott, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1857.	62.50	16	40	4	5		1	1	85	14.09	2.00
13 EAST-KINGSTON.												
14. ENFIELD. Rev. Wm. S. Thompson, *s. s.*	Feb. 8, 1858.	150.00	7	12				1		55		
15. EPPING. Rev. J. H. Stearns, *s. s.*	June 16, 1857.	200.00	14	39	3		3	1			37.62	23.00
16. FRANCONIA. Rev. T. Hall, *s. s.*	Dec. 16, 1856.	75.00	4	14								
17. FREMONT.												
18. GILSUM. Rev. E. Adams, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1858.	100.00	16	42				1	3	85	45.00	27.67
19. GORHAM. Rev. E. Burt, *s. s.*	July, 1857.	86.54			3						5.00	
20. GOSHEN. Rev. H. Richardson, *s. s.*	March 15, 1858.	100.00	15	49	11				6	60	13.70	15.00
21. GREAT FALLS. Rev. E. Chapman, *s. s.*	July 1, 1857.	200.00	6	25	20	3	6	1	2	130	18.75	10.36
22. GROTON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1858.	62.50	11	25	3				4	100	6.00	

REMARKS.

1. Revival. This church has made a rapid advance in numbers. Mr. Thornton closed his labors some weeks since. These were highly instrumental of good. A permanent and efficient ministry is much needed to build up the cause among this people.

2. Rev. Mr. Burt devoted a small portion of his labors here. His report is not very encouraging for future missionary efforts. The people are much divided. There is a Free-Will Baptist preacher in town, who preaches more or less.

3. Revival. Parsonage completed. Prospering in many respects.

4. Mr. Hall closed his labors at the end of his commission. The church was supplied by a student from Andover a few Sabbaths in March and April. It is now destitute.

5. Nothing very encouraging is reported. There are obstacles to the success of the gospel here, which render it a field of peculiar trial to the faithful laborer, and bespeak for him the deep sympathies of the churches.

6. The pastor reports that there has been an interesting revival, which will doubtless add strength to the church. Four adults and 6 children have been baptized. The congregation ranges from 50 to 75.

7. Mr. Wilson left at the close of his year. The church is now supplied by Rev. Samuel G. Tenney, of Springfield, Vt., without expense to the Missionary Society.

8. Revival interest. Meetings increased, morals improved, and the whole aspect of things improving.

9. There is, in many respects, a pleasant state of things in this place. Nearly all the congregation are connected with the Sabbath school.

10. Mr. Pulsifer has been commissioned to labor here six months. He reports a good state of feeling in the church. He preaches in two places. Congregations from 60 to 75.

11. Revival. This enterprise has suffered considerably by removals and stagnation of business. In other respects it has prospered.

12. There was considerable of a revival interest in this place last winter, but nothing else of importance is reported.

13. It is eighty-six years since there has been regular Congregational preaching in this town. "We began to supply them," says our missionary, Rev. Asa Mann, "the second Sabbath in May; have had over 160, for assembly; aid has been afforded by the Massachusetts Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge."

14. Mr. T. preaches half of the time at North Enfield, the other half at the east part of the town. He reports no special interest in religion. There are several members of other churches who are residents. The state of things is not very encouraging.

15. Some religious interest. The cause of truth is thought to have gained ground in this town, though its progress is slow, and has many obstacles to overcome.

16. This field is now destitute. It has always been associated with Bethlehem as one missionary field.

17. Our missionary, Rev. Asa Mann, has visited this place, where he reports there is a strong desire for Congregational preaching. The town is a moral waste. Population about five hundred.

18. "The church," says the report, "has shared a part in the revival interest that has prevailed so extensively during the few last months;" but no instances of conversion are named. The hard times have affected the ability of the people somewhat.

19. Mr. Burt's report of the future prospects of this field is highly encouraging. He thinks Congregational preaching should be maintained here all the time, and that it will ere long be sustained wholly by the people. It is destined to be one of the most important posts in Coös county.

20. Some revival. Twelve of the church are non-residents. Excepting the religious interest, which will add some to the church, nothing of importance is reported.

21. Revival. This new enterprise has been highly prosperous the past year. About 20 new converts are expected to unite with the church. The congregation averages about 200. Of the present members of the church, four are non-resident.

22. Some religious interest. Three non-resident members. Mr. C. labors half the time in Hebron.

Churches and Missionaries.	Dates of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
23. HARRISVILLE. Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, *P.*	June 1, 1858.	100.00	18	48						70	28.00	30.00
24. HEBRON. Rev. L. Conant, *s. s.*	March 10, 1857.	62.50	10	35	2	3	5			130	10.84	
25. HILL.												
26. HOOKSETT. Rev. E. H. Caswell, *s. s.*	June 1, 1858.	100.00	8	27	5	3					8.58	21.72
27. HUDSON. Rev. D. L. French, *s. s.*	Nov. 6, 1857.	125.00	13	57	6			1	5		15.80	14.79
28. KENSINGTON. Rev. Wm. W. Merriam, *s. s.*	March 1, 1858.	200.00		6						78		
29. LANCASTER. Rev. P. Fay, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1857.	200.00	37	126	65	37	8	2	7	130	35.95	19.22
30. LANGDON. Rev. J. L. Arms, *s. s.*	March 28, 1858.	100.00	12	40	5	2			2			
31. LEE. Rev. M. Moore, *s. s.*	Feb. 7, 1858.	200.00			20					90		
32. MANCHESTER CITY. Rev. L. Marshall, *P.*	April 1, 1858.	150.00	10	46	7	14	6	2	5	145	5.00	47.00
33. MASON. Rev. D. Goodwin, *s. s.*	May 1, 1858.	100.00	36	123	23	13	6	3	5	135	6.25	36.60
34. MEREDITH VILLAGE. Rev. C. Burnham, *P.*	Dec. 6, 1857.	150.00	19	64	20	7	3	3	3	75		46.00
35. MERRIMACK, South. Rev. D. Sawyer, *s. s.*	May 28, 1858.	125.00	10	30	1		4	2	1	36	9.40	6.00
36. MILAN. Rev. E. Burt, *M.*												
37. NEWMARKET. Rev. J. M. Palmer, *s. s.*	May 1, 1857.	60.00	20	52	10	3	1		2	75		30.00
38. NEW-ALSTEAD. Rev. B. Smith, *P.*	Jan. 1, 1858.	100.00	42	108				1	1	90	18.00	66.00
39. NEWINGTON. Rev. Asa Mann, *M.*	August, 1857.	200.00	10		2					40		
40. NORTH-WOLFBOROUGH. Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 4, 1858.	100.00	17	47				3	2	50	10.00	
41. NOTTINGHAM. Rev. M. Moore, *M.*	Feb. 7, 1858.			4	4					60		
42. OSSIPEE CORNER. Rev. S. Merrill, *s. s.*	April 4, 1858.	100.00								25		
43. PAPER-MILL VILLAGE. Rev. —— Goodhue, *s. s.*	April 1, 1858.	100.00		27						30		
44. PLAINFIELD. Rev. J. Scales, *s. s.*	Oct 10, 1857.	100.00	7	31					2	30	20.00	21.00

REMARKS.

23. No special interest is reported from this church, except that no intoxicating drinks are known to be sold within the limits of the parish.

24. Some religious interest. This church is associated with Groton in the support of the gospel.

25. Rev. Mr. Goodhue, of Danbury, was commissioned to perform some missionary labor in this town, but he has spent only one Sabbath there. The ground is occupied principally by other denominations, and the prospects of the church are dark.

26. Some revival. Beside those reported in the table, there are 16 non-resident members. This church has lost several of its most active members by removal in consequence of the stopping of the factory.

27. "There is more religious interest in town," says the report, "than for many years past." The house of worship has been repaired. The state of morals is improving.

28. Mr. Merriam, of the last Senior Class at Andover, has supplied here since the first of March. There is no church organization in town. A few members of other churches reside in it. Some revival interest was experienced in the Spring, and a good work was accomplished in the cause of temperance. About 170 signed the pledge. The congregation ranges from 150 to 200.

29. A great and glorious revival was experienced during the Winter and Spring. The pastor reports between 60 and 70 hopeful conversions. He says, vice and irreligion have received a powerful check; virtue and pure religion a new impetus. Thirteen of the church are non-residents. The congregation numbers 175. The baptisms have been, adults, 19; infants, 5.

30. There has been no great change in the condition of this field. Some religious interest has been enjoyed.

31. There has been considerable religious interest in this place. The missionary says, "I hope 15 or 20 have been converted. There is yet no church of our order in town." "When I came here," says Mr. M., "there were hardly any who were known to be Congregationalists. Now there are a good many young people who are not known to be otherwise, although they can not support a meeting, because they have not property enough of their own." The people this year have assumed the whole support of Mr. M.

32. "The Lord has smiled upon us," says the report, "during a part of the year. More have been added to the church than during any other one year." The congregation has varied but little.

33. An interesting revival. Morals improved. This is the largest church on our list, if the members are all in town.

34. There was an interesting revival in this town last winter, in which other denominations shared. The people are harmonious and the prospect rather encouraging. A barrel of clothing has been sent to the A. H. M. S., valued at $28.16.

35. Beside the members of the church reported in the table, there are 14 non-residents. The progress of this people toward independence is slow. There is some improvement.

36. This was a part of Rev. Mr. Burt's missionary field, upon which he spent a few weeks. He gives no very favorable account of the state of things. The Methodists, Baptists and Free-Will Baptists, each have churches, and the people are not very harmonious, nor liberal in the support of a minister of any order.

37. Rev. Mr. Palmer left at the close of his commission. Considerable religious interest was experienced in the Spring.

38. The state of things not materially changed. Twenty-one of the church are non-resident members.

40. Nothing of importance reported.

41. In addition to the labors of Mr. Moore, the place has been supplied since May by neighboring ministers. It is an old missionary field, but now more hopeful. Mr. Moore reports some religious interest. Four persons indulged a hope and joined churches out of town.

42. No church organization in this place. The report speaks of more attention to religion than usual, though of no instances of hopeful conversion.

43. We have no special report from this field.

44. The report says, "Several almost persuaded to be Christians. No other denomination has had preaching on the Sabbath but once since October, 1857. The Baptists are making effort to get a preacher of their order."

Churches and Missionaries.	Dates of Commission.	Amount of aid.	Males.	Total members.	Hopeful conversions.	Added by profession.	Added by letter.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Sch'l pupils.	Home Missions.	Other objects.
45. ROXBURY. Rev. S. S. Arnold, *s. s.*	June 20, 1857.	100.00	6	17	2			2	2	40		
46. SALEM. Rev. W. Page, *P.*	Dec. 1, 1857.	50.00	14	59	3			1	2	100	14.17	20.78
47. SOUTH-NEWMARKET. Rev. W. Fifield, *s. s.*	Feb. 11, 1858.	100.00	13	31	4	4	2		2	60	35.72	43.00
48. STODDARD. Rev. S. Gay, *s. s.* Rev. R. Parkerson, *M.*	Jan. 17, 1858. Nov. 20, 1856.	49.00 200.00	4	38								
49. SURRY. Rev. E. Adams, *M.*	Jan. 1, 1857.		2	14								
50. WAKEFIELD. Rev. M. Leffingwell, *s. s.*	March 15, 1858.	100.00	13	45	4	7	7			116	34.51	18.51
51. WARNER. Rev. D. Warren, *P.*	Feb. 1, 1858.	100.00	28	97			1	1	7	75	21.78	56.00
52. WASHINGTON. Rev. J. F. Griswold, *s. s.*	July 1, 1858.	150.00	6	34	1		1				15.50	
53. WEST-STEWARTSTOWN. Rev. J. B. Hill, *s. s.*	June 5, 1858.	100.00	13	31	12	3	4	1	2	60		
54. WENTWORTH. Rev. Wm. Clark.			10	41	12	6	3			150	15.00	
55. WOLFBOROUGH. Rev. S. Clark, *s. s.*	June 1, 1857.	100.00	20	65	12	4	3		1	76	37.50	28.15

REMARKS.

45. Mr. Arnold left at the close of his commission.

46. Nothing very encouraging is reported.

47. "By the special favor of God," says the report, "we have made a good degree of advancement upon the former year; the church has been enlarged by five members, and there have been several changes for the better, both in the church and in the society."

48. This field has been destitute for several months. Mr. Parkerson performed a mission of seven weeks, much to the acceptance of the people. No one of our destitute fields is more needy or important than this, and would, by the blessing of God, more richly reward a faithful laborer, if well adapted to its peculiarities.

49. Mr. Adams was commissioned to perform some missionary labor in this town, which he did; but he reports no special interest. A few of the people are anxious for sound Orthodox preaching, but the prospect is not encouraging for its establishment.

50. Some revival interest. "The state of morals and religion," says the report, "is steadily improving."

51. Some religious interest. Mr. W. was settled pastor in the early part of the year. He reports harmony in the church, but nothing very encouraging out of it. Of the church members 15 are non-residents. Congregation ranges from 100 to 150.

52. The prospects of revival in the Spring were encouraging, but obstacles were thrown in the way by sectarian zeal. Nothing of special interest is reported.

53. Revival. There has been much improvement in this field. It is the most northerly missionary field in the State, and extends over a large territory.

54. This church, which had been long destitute, has enjoyed preaching a considerable part of the time since early Spring. Our missionary agent spent some two months there. The church has been much revived, and the moral and religious habits of the people much improved.

55. Revival during the Winter and Spring. "In many respects," says the report, "the condition of affairs among this people is substantially the same as one year ago. In some particulars, it is believed, there has been progress. The state of things is, on the whole, encouraging."

SUMMARY.

Missionaries.

The whole number of laborers in commission during the whole or part of the year, is 46; of whom 12 were pastors of churches, 30 stated supplies, 2 missionaries for a few weeks each, and 1 general missionary for a county, and 1 for the State. Two of the stated supplies have performed some missionary service among the destitute in their vicinity. Eleven new commissions have been issued, 9 of which were to stated supplies and 2 to missionaries. Eight stated supplies and missionaries have left their fields of labor, leaving 38 laborers now in commission.

Churches and Congregations.

Forty-five churches, and ten congregations containing no churches, have either received appropriations directly for the support of the ministry, or have enjoyed the labors of our missionaries during a part or whole of the year, making the whole number of churches and congregations aided, 55. No new church, not before aided, has been added to our list of beneficiaries during the year. One new missionary field has been occupied: viz., Kensington, with the stated ministry, with encouraging prospects. The congregation in Lee has assumed the whole support of our missionary there for the present year. Four churches that were on our list last year: viz., Bradford, Deering, Loudon Village and Moultonborough, have received no aid the past year, for the reason that they have been destitute. As the church in Charlestown became destitute by the removal of our missionary there in May, and has since engaged a supply on the Sabbath for a moderate compensation, it will not draw from our treasury while that engagement shall exist.

Statistics of the Churches.

To twenty-one churches there have been added 168 by profession and 87 by letter—total 255; and from 24 churches there have been removed 35 by death, 70 by letter, and 2 by excommunication; total 107; net gain, 148. The total number of communicants connected with 43 churches reported, is 1,998; of whom 586 are males and 1,412 females. Twenty-six churches contributed to the cause of Home Missions, $488.69, and $712.45 to other objects; total, $1,201.14. Sabbath Schools are maintained in nearly all the congregations. The whole number of pupils connected with them is 3,140.

State of Morals and Religion.

Showers of divine grace have greatly refreshed a large portion of our missionary field during the year, and have made it more fruitful in the conversion of souls, and in additions to the churches, than has been our privilege to report for fifteen years before. Religious interest, of more or less power and extent, is reported to have been enjoyed in Alton, Brookline, Center-Harbor, Conway, Belknap church, (Dover,) Dublin, Epping, Gilsum, Goshen, Great Falls 2d church, Groton, Hebron, Hooksett, Hudson, Kensington, Lancaster, Lee, Manchester mission church, Mason, Meredith Village, Newmarket, Nottingham, Wakefield, Warner, West Stewartstown and Washington—in all 26 churches and congregations. Some of the churches have been much strengthened by these blessed visitations of the Holy Spirit. The whole number of hopeful conversions reported as the result of these revivals, is 395. The past year has been one more gloriously marked by the special goodness of God to our missionary field than any that has preceded it since 1843. In this great dispensation of his reviving and converting grace, we have a demonstration that the Lord's arm is not shortened that it can not save, neither his ear heavy that he can not hear. He thus calls for a tribute of gratitude from our hearts, and our confidence that he will yet do greater things for us. Greater things are needed. At least one half of our missionary field received no refreshing from the shower of mercy that has just passed over our land, and the other half was watered only in part, and unless God shall again open the windows of heaven, and rain righteousness more abundantly upon it, will soon become a barren heath, and all will come to desolation. Interest, pride of character and common sentiments of obligation toward community, may often build the meeting-house, and, for a time, sustain the institutions of religion; but such motives are evanescent and unreliable. The higher considerations that concern the glory of God, and the value of the soul, and the retributions of eternity, can only make men co-workers with God in building up his kingdom on earth; but these considerations are always wanting where men are not truly regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit of God. All our hopes, therefore, of ultimate success in our missionary work are in the saving instrumentalities of the gospel. External improvement, however great, may indeed encourage us; but without the conversion of souls it can never assure us that churches will be strengthened and desolations repaired.

Missions in Coos and Grafton Counties.

During the Spring vacation at the Theological Seminary, Andover, five young men, members, labored as missionaries in Coös and Grafton counties at the expense of a benevolent individual in Boston. The towns occupied by these missionaries are Bethlehem and Franconia, by C. M. Barnes; Jefferson Mills and Stark, by W. E. Dickerson; Dummer and Milan, by N. P. Gilbert; Northumberland, by James McHose, and Randolph, by G. W. Sargent. The aggregate of time

they spent on their several fields was thirty weeks, and which cost our benefactor $255.13. The superintendence of these missions was committed to Rev. Lyman Whiting, of Portsmouth, who has furnished us with a synopsis of the statistics the young men reported to him, as follows: "Public and private services attended, 104; whole number of professors of religion found, 437; the number awakened, 32, and the whole number of hopeful conversions, 38." It may be proper here to state, that, except in Bethlehem and Franconia, there are no Congregational churches, and a very few Congregational people in these towns. Hence we learn that these young men performed a good work amid our wastes, and though they did not labor under the auspices of the Missionary Society, it seems meet that we should put upon record this brief report, and also of recording our deep sense of gratitude to God, that he inclined the good man to such an expression of sympathy and beneficence in behalf of the desolations of our Northern regions.

Efforts in Rockingham County.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees a year ago, the Rev. Asa Mann, of Exeter, was appointed to labor as a missionary, chiefly at his own discretion as to places, among the destitute towns in Rockingham county, more especially among those in the easterly part of the county. He entered on his labors the first of October, and has since labored in Newington, Kensington, E. Kingston, and other places. He has also visited and inquired into the condition of Fremont, Danville and Nottingham. In Newington he reports a church of only two females, neither of whom worship with the congregation. There are four others, one male and three female members of other Congregational churches, and also a few others, who are ready to unite with the church whenever it shall seem advisable. The congregation ranges from 125 to 150. The people raise three hundred dollars for preaching, and seem to have come to a deeper sense of the importance of the established religious order and instruction. The morals of the town are equal to the general standard. There is a general attendance upon public worship, except by those families that are Universalists, Deists, or intemperate. Still there is a great want of reliableness, and those regular habits which both form and follow a mature Christian character. It may be interesting here to state that Newington is an old missionary field, which was first occupied by the missionaries of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in 1813, and for seven or eight years afterward enjoyed more or less of the labors of that Society. The church at that time, 1813, was reported to contain 9 members, 3 males and 6 females, which had been destitute 21 years. Since 1827 there has been occasionally missionary labor performed here under the auspices of the N. H. M. S. Mr. Mann regards this town as a most hopeful field of missionary effort, which will doubtless need aid for several years to come.

Kensington has no church organization. The records of the former church are lost. There are 10 or 12 members of churches out

of town, residing here. Six hopeful conversions occurred during the Spring. The Sabbath congregations range from 150 to 200. The morals of the place have been bad, but are improving. On the 1st of March, Mr. William W. Merriam, of the then senior class at Andover, commenced a regular supply, and is now laboring in this town as our missionary. His report is encouraging.

Nottingham is another old missionary field, but, till last year, has had but little preaching of our order since Rev. Mr. Gates, now in Iowa, closed his labors there, as our stated missionary, in 1853. In 1840 a church was organized, consisting of 14 members, which was subsequently increased to 18, only four of whom were males. This was the third organization of a Congregational church that had been organized in this town—the second having become extinct about 30 years previous. The Rev. John LeBosquet then resided and labored here, as our missionary, one half of the time. At present there are 2 males and 4 females of the church remaining. For a year or more subsequent to the 1st of May, our missionary at Lee performed some missionary labor in Nottingham. Since that time there has been regular preaching by neighboring ministers. The congregation approaches 150, with which a Sabbath School is connected, containing 50 or 60 pupils. Some religious interest has been enjoyed, and four persons have indulged a hope, who have joined churches out of town. There has been a revival of interest among the people in the regular preaching of the gospel, which once more encourages the hope of redeeming this ancient waste.

East Kingston is another old missionary field in this quarter of the State, which has received the attention of our general missionary. Like Newington it became a part of the missionary field of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in 1813. There was at that time a remnant of a church here, containing 1 male and 6 females, which had been destitute 40 years. Mr. Mann reports, "It is 86 years since East-Kingston has had regular Congregational preaching. We began to supply them the second Sabbath in May, and have had over 100 for an assembly. There are peculiar difficulties there, but I think the supply will go on for the year."

General Missionary Agency.

Rev. William Clark has prosecuted his labors among the destitute feeble churches and places in the State, nearly in the same manner during the year as last year, except that in some instances he has spent more time than formerly in preaching and performing other missionary labor. His report is as follows:

To the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society:

DEAR BRETHREN — Another year of missionary labor under your commission and instructions having expired, you will expect from your Agent a Report of his proceedings and observations.

Through the good hand of God upon him, his health has been preserved uninterrupted through the year, and no danger incident to

traveling has befallen him. No Sabbath, no time, indeed, during the same, has he lost to our cause, for all has been spent in direct or indirect efforts for its promotion.

As in the previous year, the labors of your Agent have been performed in all the counties of the State, in some more than in others. Aiming at economy of time and travel, his labors, so far as practicable, have been expended continuously among contiguous feeble churches and destitute communities, remaining with them one, two, four, and in one instance eight weeks, as Providence seemed to direct. The churches and communities visited are Stoddard, in Cheshire County; Manchester, South Merrimack, Brookline and Deering, in Hillsborough County; Nottingham and Epping, in Rockingham County; Dover, Great Falls, Salmon Falls and Farmington, in Strafford County; Wolfborough, North Wolfborough, Ossipee, Ossipee Corner, Wakefield, Effingham, Moultonborough, Sandwich, in Carroll County; Center-Harbor, in Belknap County; Lancaster, in Coös County; Enfield, Canaan, Dorchester, Orange, Groton, Bridgewater, Wentworth, Warren, in Grafton County; Wilmot, Sutton and Warner, in Merrimack County; Lempster and Washington, in Sullivan County. Preaching in the above named places, varied from once, in two or three, to three, five, ten, fifteen, twenty to twenty-five and thirty-five times, among feeble churches and destitutions. In addition to labors in these towns, at different times within the year, your Agent has passed seven Sabbaths with nine of our stronger churches, presenting the claims of Home Missions, particularly in our own State. This is only about one half of the number of Sabbaths which, by your instructions, he was permitted to spend with such churches during the year. Urgent requests by feeble and destitute churches, for his presence and labors, seemed to forbid his taking more Sabbaths for efforts among our more able and favored ones. Within the year your Agent has preached 251 times in 55 towns, as already shown, in different parts of the State. In several of these he has attended meetings from six to ten days continuously. These have frequently been held in school-houses in different districts, with a view to benefit the population generally; at which the attendance has often been good and the audiences solemn.

Visitation of families, for religious conversation and prayer, has constituted an important part of missionary effort. Invariably has your Agent been kindly received, and often heartily thanked for his calls and religious remarks and prayers. Overlooking not even the youngest member of the family, but giving a kind word to all, and inquiring, so far as Christian discretion would permit, into their spiritual state—looks and words of gratitude have been his reward. The manner of his reception, and the respectful, often the serious attention given to the word spoken, inspired the hope that God would bless the visits to the eternal good of those to whom they were made.

You will notice that the character of the labors of your Agent the past year have varied somewhat from those of the preceding. That year was devoted, principally, to visits to feeble churches; to a single

Sabbath's labor among them in the way of preaching; to a somewhat minute inquiry into their history, their then condition, their prospects, and to an almost weekly report on these points in the *Congregational Journal.* This course was adopted for the guidance of your Agent, for the wiser expenditure of labor among the churches in future, for the information of yourselves as guardians of the Home Missionary cause in our State, as also of its patrons and friends.

Having done this during the first fifteen months of his labors under your commission, and feeling a tolerably correct knowledge of their condition and prospects was within the reach of most who cared for such information; in addition to preaching and family visitation, with a view to immediate good to families, churches and congregations, your Agent has especially aimed to prepare the way for permanency in the ministry to our destitute churches and communities. Hoping to do something toward effecting this most important object, he has remained longer with churches visited, passing with them, often, several Sabbaths and the intervening weeks. To render useful, to the highest degree practicable, his labors, both to the immediate good of the people among whom they have been performed, he has endeavored to exhibit in his preaching the character and moral government of God; the sinfulness and utter moral ruin of our race; the character and work of Christ, as the Redeemer of sinners; the office and work of the Holy Spirit; justification through faith; its fruits, repentance, holy living, &c.

With the same end in view, your Agent has made, extensively, religious visits to families, addressed and taken part in the instructions of Sabbath schools; held meetings of churches, to set before them their responsibilities as the representatives of Christ; attended their weekly prayer meetings, where such were established, and encouraged their establishment where they did not exist; aided in examination of candidates for church membership, and in their reception to Christian fellowship; administered the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, &c.

To several churches these efforts have not been in vain. They have prepared the way for the introduction of stated supplies, and, it is hoped, for the settlement of pastors. Such supplies your Agent has introduced into the churches in Stoddard, Wilmot, Enfield, Wakefield, Epping, and, as he believes, indirectly, to several other feeble churches in the State. Since entering on his present services he has been, most of the time, in correspondence with destitute churches in relation to securing them supplies. Applications for aid of this kind have been unusually numerous the past year; "a year of the right hand of the Most High," in our land. Divine influences, so copiously diffused upon communities in which our stronger churches are located, have reached, in many instances, those in which our feebler ones have their seat. Hence the desire, in multiplied cases, for the stated ministrations of the gospel, where, before, indifference toward them prevailed.

Other methods for awakening interest in Home Missions in our

State, have been, as heretofore, attendance on meetings of Clerical Associations and County Conferences; addresses to pastors, churches and members of Female Cent Societies, through our religious newspaper. Through the same channel, with the same object in view, your Agent has addressed the friends of missions almost weekly during the year, under the head of "Missionary Correspondence."

Through the past year, also, as during the preceding, he has maintained extensive written correspondence with pastors, churches and preachers wishing to find employment. In discharge of this part of his duty he has written and mailed 225 letters, principally in reply to letters received. Not a little responsible and onerous has been this labor.

The observations of the past year have impressed your Agent on several points, some of which he will name, in conclusion of this brief Report.

1. The communities in which he has labored, so far as they desire any preaching, desire that which is biblical. The gracious divine influences which have been so largely shed over our land, have led irreligious as well as religious men to think of God, his character, his government, their relations to him, their condition and prospects as sinners, and to inquire the way of salvation. A peculiarity of the religious movement in our destitute districts, as well as in more favored communities, has been a desire, not for excitement of the passions; not mainly for hortatory addresses, but for scriptural instruction — instruction calculated to awaken thought and reflection; to impart a knowledge of God, of the human heart, of the method of salvation through faith in an atoning Saviour. This desire extensively prevailing, there is a corresponding desire for instructive preaching; for an educated ministry. Such alone can meet the demands of the public mind. No other commands respect; no other, to any considerable extent, can be useful. The day has gone by when an illiterate ministry, however pious, can effect much for the establishment and support of the institutions of the gospel. All evangelical denominations perceiving this, are founding schools and seminaries for the better education of their ministry. Here may be repeated, what has often been truthfully asserted, that it is of little use to commission uneducated men, feeble preachers, to labor in our religious destitutions. Nearly lost are both the efforts and the outlay to sustain them, for a general hearing such preachers can not command, and those who may listen to them are not such as mould and control society.

2. Our missionaries who, in common with pastors of strong churches in our State, had labored years without much apparent success, and who were ready to exclaim with the disheartened prophet, "Who hath believed our report?" have generally been much encouraged in their efforts the past year. The churches to which they minister have been quickened. With them a spirit of supplication has prevailed; meetings for prayer and conference have been better attended; a deeper sense of their responsibilities, as the

representatives of Christ, has possessed their hearts. The value of the soul has had unwonted place in their thoughts, and constrained have they been to unwonted efforts for the salvation of their children, friends and neighbors. Sabbath-schools have had increased attendance, and greater interest shown in their prosperity. These efforts God has blessed. In numerous instances the Holy Spirit has been poured from on high. Children, youth, and persons in mature life, have been hopefully converted, and united publicly with the people of God. Many, who had for years almost entirely neglected the sanctuary, have become regular attendants on public worship. A higher tone of morals is perceptible; profanity, intemperance, Sabbath-breaking, and other immoralities, are less palpable; scoffers are less bold in their railings; the feeling more widely pervades the community, that the religion of the Bible is a reality, and demands the most serious attention of all men.

3. Churches long destitute of regular preaching, and which have thought themselves too feeble and too near extinction to make an effort to live, now desire a stated ministry, and are making efforts for this, both in the way of raising funds and making earnest inquiry for missionary laborers. Applications for such, to your Agent, have been numerous, and he is happy in being able to state that in several instances he has succeeded in introducing preachers to destitute feeble churches, who have the prospect of remaining, should the churches obtain aid from our Missionary Society.

4. The quickened religious interest in the community has awakened in parents, living in these destitutions, an anxiety for the Christian instruction of their children. Mothers assure your Agent that they have many sleepless hours in the night watches, from solicitude for the spiritual welfare of their offspring. Parents testify that they greatly need and strongly desire the aid of an instructive, devoted ministry, and of faithful pastoral labors, to help them govern their children. Where there is no public worship on the Sabbath, boys and young men roam the fields, saunter about places of public resort, or spend the day in hunting, fishing, visiting, &c. In such communities, religious parents and those who respect the Sabbath as a divine institution, and would keep their children at home, find it very difficult to prevent their mingling with those who openly profane it. Despite all effort to bring up their children in the fear of God, to inspire them with reverence for the Sabbath, they often acquire the character of the immoral and vicious, and enter upon active life utterly regardless of the claims of God upon them; a very sore affliction to those who desire their children to respect religious institutions, and to become the subjects of renewing grace.

5. An important result of the Domestic Missionary enterprise is the awakening of mutual sympathy between the strong and feeble churches. Under the operation of the law of the human mind, as well as that of the providence and grace of God, doing good to the needy exerts a benign reflex influence. The stronger churches that assist the weak, become still stronger, if not in pecuniary means,

in the graces of charity, benevolence, prayerfulness and faith. Consciousness of sympathy with necessitous Christian brethren and sisters, brings them into closer union with Christ, makes them more like him, and better fitted to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. In the churches receiving the sympathy and aid of their more favored sister churches, spring up the lovely graces of gratitude and Christian love. This constrains to thanksgiving to God, and prayer for spiritual blessings to descend upon their benefactors. One class finds it blessed to give, the other to receive, and thus blessings, rich and heavenly, rest upon both.

6. *The importance of our feeble churches can not be well over estimated.* They are the salt of the earth; lights in the midst of surrounding darkness. Their regular assembling on the Sabbath, observance of the sacraments of our holy religion; their support of Sabbath-schools, weekly meetings for prayer; men and women of principled piety, they send forth to strengthen churches in our larger towns, or to plant new ones on our frontiers. These, and many other considerations that will suggest themselves to thinking minds, furnish weighty reasons, not merely for the continuance of our Domestic Missionary operations, but for their greater enlargement. Such are greatly needed, for there is yet much land to be possessed in our commonwealth, for Christ.

7. Your Agent would respectfully solicit your attention to the very inadequate pecuniary support of your missionaries. Their salaries, including all they receive from the people to whom they minister and from the Treasury of your Society, is from one fourth to one third less than the average salaries of the pastors of our churches generally. Three or four hundred dollars per annum afford but a meagre support for a missionary, with a family of from four to eight children, to be fed, clothed and educated. The cramped, pinching circumstances of such, very much limit their usefulness, tend to break down their spirits, impair the health of the missionaries' wives, and not unfrequently bring them to premature graves. This is a great and sore evil; nay, it is a sin, for it is withholding sympathy and food from Christ in the person of his faithful missionaries.

But you may ask, "What can we do? We are only almoners of the means which the churches commit to us. We can not appropriate to our missionaries more than we receive for this purpose." True, indeed. But it is respectfully submitted whether measures could not be adopted to secure larger contributions from our churches. Ought not the twenty thousand members reported as belonging to them, to give more than an annual average sum of seven thousand dollars to Home Missions in our State? Can we, *shall* we make no more earnest efforts for larger receipts for this cause?

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM CLARK.

August 23, 1858.

Destitute Feeble Churches.

In no one year of our missionary history have all the feeble churches in the State been favored with the stated administration of the ordinances of religion, though there have been but few, if any, which have not had at least the privilege of hearing the gospel preached one or more Sabbaths every year. This has been true the past year of all, or nearly all of the feeble churches now destitute of pastors or stated supplies. We number the following as on our present list of destitute churches: Bridgewater, Thornton, Bethlehem, Franconia, Effingham, Moultonborough, 1st and 2d, Sandwich and Sandwich North, Tuftonborough, Andover, Bradford, Hill, Wilmot, Roxbury, Stoddard, Surry, Wentworth, Croydon and Deering; in all 20 churches, containing 463 members, the largest having 51 and the smallest 9 members. The Rev. C. W. Wallace spent two Sabbaths and considerable part of the intervening week days with the church in Thornton, his own pulpit being supplied in the mean time by your Secretary. He preached to audiences on the Sabbaths of nearly two hundred, but he does not speak very encouragingly of the field. Our missionary, Rev. Thomas Hall, at Bethlehem and Franconia, left at the close of his commission in December. During the spring vacation at Andover, one of the students employed by our benefactor in Boston, before mentioned, labored in these towns. Rev. Mr. Goodhue was commissioned to spend some time in Hill, but he has preached there only one Sabbath; the house of worship there being a Union House, has all the rest of the time been occupied by other denominations. The church at Wilmot was supplied early in the Spring several Sabbaths by our general missionary agent, and since then till quite recently, by Rev. Mr. Cross. Our missionary at Roxbury, Rev. S. S. Arnold, removed to Vermont in May, and the church has since been destitute. During the Winter the church in Stoddard had eight or ten Sabbaths of preaching, seven of which at the expense of the Missionary Society. There is now no minister on the ground. Surry has had a few Sabbaths' preaching. The Rev. Mr. Clark, our State Missionary, has labored several weeks statedly during the Summer at Wentworth. Rev. Ira Case, now residing in Croydon, preaches, we learn, for the church in that town. As it respects Deering, we are not informed. There has been an occasional supply at Sandwich and Moultonborough. One of the members of the Junior Class at Andover conducted religious meetings in this region during his Spring vacation. Whether the other churches named have been visited by ministers of their own order during the year, is not known to us.

The Treasury.

The whole amount received from all sources during the year, is $6,113.09, which is $971.19 less than the receipts last year. The balance on hand at the close of the account last year, was $1,939.79, which, including $369.07, directed by the donors to the American

Home Missionary Society, make the resources of the Society $8,052.88. There have been received for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society $250 from legacies, $5,406.36 from donations, and $87.78 from the income of the permanent fund — in all, $5,743.96 for the use of the cause in this State. The whole amount passed directly from the State to New-York, is $619.20, viz.: $264.20 donations, and $355 legacies — making $6,732.26 raised in the State for Home Missions, which is $1,416.29 less than the whole sum raised last year.

Of the receipts, $1,595.51 were contributed by the New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, which is $79.41 more than the receipts from that source last year. The disbursements for the year have been $6,952.18 — of which $6,581.11 were expended in New-Hampshire — leaving a balance on hand of $1,100.70.

The financial results of the year are highly gratifying, considering the unusual stringency in the money market, and the great depression of all branches of industry. The falling off of our receipts, as compared with last year, is to be charged wholly to the account of legacies, which have been $1,046.44 less than the preceding year. The receipts from donations alone for the use of the Society, are $308.56 more than they were last year, and about $200 above the average for the past twelve years or more.

The American Home Missionary Society.

The thirty-second Report of this Society states that the whole number of ministers of the gospel, who had been in the service of the Society, and of its Auxiliaries and Agencies, is 1,012, which were distributed in 24 States and Territories; and that the whole number of congregations that had enjoyed more or less the benefit of their labors, was 2,034. Sixty-six churches were organized during the year on the field, and forty-seven became self-sustaining. Fifty-five houses of worship were completed, and thirty-seven repaired, and forty others were commenced building during the year. Seventy-eight young men, in connection with the churches, were reported as preparing for the ministry.

The receipts for the year were $175,971.37, and the expenditures $190,735.70. The whole number reported as added to the churches during the year was 6,784, more than half of whom were added by profession. The number of revivals reported was 152, which resulted in 4,450 hopeful conversions. The noble Christian enterprise in which this Society is engaged forms no small part of the great mission of American Christians, to regenerate a nation and save a world. Is there a soul in New-Hampshire that will not delight to participate in it, and say to all his fellow disciples, come with me to the "help of the Lord against the mighty?"

View of the Financial Condition and Prospects of the N. H. M. Society.

The present and prospective financial condition of the Society suggests several topics for the consideration of its friends, the most im-

portant of which is, that the Society is now promising at least a thousand dollars beyond its ability from donations to pay. The income of the Society for the past twelve years—the period of its greatest pecuniary prosperity—derived from donations, and its small permanent fund, has averaged not far from $5,200 a year. That derived from legacies has been very unequal from year to year. It is not safe to rely upon legacies as a basis of operations. Unless, therefore, there shall be reasonable ground to anticipate a permanent increase of funds from donations, it will only plunge the Society into an inextricable embarrassment to make its liabilities much exceed that sum. The practical question then is — Can the funds be increased to any considerable amount, and in such a way that the increase will become at least reliable for the future? It is our duty to look at the subject of our finances as business men as well as Christians. It is only in this way that God will bless the means we use. During the past year the Society has expended $1,160 more than it received from donations. By means of a balance of nearly $2,000 at the close of the account a year ago, we have been enabled to discharge all obligations the past year. But as large as that balance was, the treasury became exhausted at the end of the first two quarters of the year, and many of our missionaries were unpaid for weeks and months. It was not till two days previous to the close of the year that the last order was paid. We are now commencing a new year with a balance on hand a little more than half as large, with the prospect of an exhausted treasury within three months. The amount paid out of the treasury last year, between the 15th of August and the 1st of December, was $2,255, and the amount received the same time was $557. If the liabilities and receipts shall be the same the present year for the same period, as they probably will be nearly the same, our available funds will be $1,676, with which to meet claims to the amount of about $2,500. Our funds, then, on the 1st of December next will not only be exhausted, but demands to the amount of about $800 will have accumulated, for which we shall have no means of paying. Unless, therefore, either the receipts from donations or from legacies shall be increased during the year, the treasury will be barely able to meet all liabilities at the close of the year, with no balance on hand with which to commence a new year.

This analysis of the financial condition and prospects of the Society is presented for the intelligent consideration of its friends. The Trustees on this occasion would discuss no measures or principles; they only make a report; but, as the Constitution throws upon them the responsibility of conducting the whole operations of the Society, they are constrained to inquire of the ministry, and the churches who coöperate with them, shall they go forward in their efforts to sustain the preaching of the gospel wherever it is needed and has the prospect of success on our field? God has blessed the labors of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society these fifty-seven years past, and his blessing has always been the most abundant when

its necessities have been the greatest, and its conductors and friends have most felt their own helplessness and their dependence upon the throne of his grace. To lose confidence in the God of our salvation now, and to become weary in our work, would be a dishonor to his name, unfaithfulness to our Divine Master, and an unnatural and cruel withholding of our sympathies and charities from the destitute and perishing. But a rational and scriptural trust in God in this dispensation of human instrumentalities, necessarily implies forethought, a due consideration of the natural laws of influence, and a wise direction of effort. We are yet on the imperfect side of the Millennium. The greatest sources of discouragement and hinderment in the work of evangelization arise from the shortcomings even of good men, who are sanctified only in part. We have even to war against our own antagonism; but the aspirations of our new nature will not be in vain. The victory is sure — a victory measured by our faith and devotion. God calls us to be instruments, not to be inventors nor creators. He alone has the residue of the Spirit. We have no apology for observing the wind or regarding the clouds, but should go forth in the morning sowing the seed, and in the evening withholding not our hand, for we "know not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1858.

DR. *The* NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY *in account with* BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Treasurer.* CR.

To cash paid feeble churches and missionaries...	$5,292.31	By cash from donations to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.....	$5,406.24
To cash paid the A. H. M. S., by order of the donors, ...	369.07	By cash from donations ordered to the A. H. M. Society, ...	369.07
To cash paid Rev. Wm. Clark's salary, one year,..	700.00	By cash from legacies, ...	250.00
To cash paid do., travelling expenses, stationery and postage,.....	130.03	By cash from income of Permanent Fund,.....	87.78
To cash paid Secretary and Treasurer's salary,.....	125.00	By cash from balance of last year's account, ...	1,939.79
To cash paid do., travelling expenses, stationery, postage and sundries, ...	46.71		
To cash paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing Reports,.....	149.52		
To cash paid by order of Londonderry Presbytery,	120.07		
To cash paid Treasuress of the Female Cent Ins.,	15.00		
To cash paid Butterfield & Merriam, for printing blanks,.....	1.62		
To cash paid Rev. J. K. Young's travel'g expenses,	1.90		
To cash paid freight on box from New-York, ...	.70		
To cash paid Francis N. Fisk's bill,.....	.25		
To balance on hand, August 15, 1858,.....	1,100.70		
	$8,052.88		$8,052.88

This may certify that I have carefully examined the account of Benjamin P. Stone, as Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, for the past year, and find the same correctly kept and well vouched, and that there is a balance of eleven hundred dollars and seventy cents now remaining in his hands.

CONCORD, August 21, 1858.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

THE FOLLOWING TABLE WILL SHOW THE DONATIONS FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES, INCLUDING THE SUMS DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND THE CENT MONEY, THE AVERAGE PER CENTAGE FOR EACH CHURCH MEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR 1857, THE LIABILITIES OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DONATIONS AND MISSIONARY AID IN EACH COUNTY.

Counties.	Collection.	Members.	Average.	Aid.	Difference.
Rockingham,	$786.54	3,263	24 cts.	$810.00	$23.00 less than collection.
Strafford,	757.12	2,571	29 cts.	1,225.00	468.00 " " "
Merrimack,	900.00	2,934	30 cts.	200.00	700.00 more " "
Hillsborough,	1,500.30	5,761	26 cts.	600.00	900.00 " " "
Cheshire,	641,32	1,895	30 cts.	625.00	16.00 less " "
Sullivan,	411.72	1,224	30 cts.	425.00	12.00 " " "
Grafton,	568.70	1,885	30 cts.	810.00	242.00 " " "
Coös,	52.03	209	25 cts.	300.00	288.00 " " "
Totals,	5,587.82	19,742	28 cts.	4,995.00	711.00 592

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RECEIPTS OF THE N. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1858: BENJAMIN P. STONE, TREASURER.

Acworth—Congregational church and society, ... $49.00

Amherst—Benevolent Association, for A. H. M. S., 48.60; Aaron Lawrence, to constitute Mrs. Sarah S. Lawrence, of Weston, Vt., life member of A. H. M. S., 30.00, ... 78.60

Antrim—Presbyterian church and society, ... 10.00

Auburn—Congregational church and society, $10.00; a lady, 1.00, . 11.00

Bath—Cong. church and society, $15, in full to constitute Dea. Michael Bartlett life member, ... 30.00

Bedford—Presbyterian church and society, ... 62.00

Bennington—Cong. church and society, ... 60.00

Bethlehem—Cong. church and society, ... 26.21

Boscawen—Cong. church and society, ... 36.00

Brentwood—Cong. church and society, ... 7.00

Bristol—Cong. church and society, ... 4.63

Campton—Cong. church, $8.10; widow Eliza Glines, life member, 30.00; a friend, 5.00, ... 43.10

Candia—Cong. church and society, ... 30.00

Canaan—Cong. church and society, ... 15.00

Center-Harbor—Cong. church and society, ... 20.70

Chester—Isaac Lane, 2d instalment, to constitute his son Henry H. life member, ... 10.00

Charlestown—Cong. church and society, ... 27.49

Canterbury—Cong. church and society and Merrimack County Conference, to constitute the Cong. church life member, . . 30.00

Chichester—Cong. church and society, ... 10.13

Claremont—Cong. church and society, ... 36.46

Conway, North— 68.03

Conway, South— 9.26

Concord—First Cong. church and society, subscription, 126.70; monthly concert, 21.20; Dea. Benjamin Farnum and Mrs. Emily Farnum, in part to constitute Rhoda C. Farnum life member, 10,00; Mrs. E. Bradley, in full to constitute Mrs. Susan B. Jewell, Boston, life member of A. H. M. S., 5.00, 162.90

Concord, South—Cong. church and society, 39.52; Rev. Henry E. Parker, 5.00; Benjamin P. Stone, 5.00, ... 49.52

Concord, West—Cong. church and society, ... 12.00

Deerfield—Cong. church and society, ... 12.00

Dover—First Cong. church and society, ... 68.75

Dover—Belknap church, ... 13.00

Dublin—Trinitarian church and society, 3.00; monthly concert, 1.09, 4.09

Dunbarton—Cong. church and society, ... 10.10
Durham—Cong, church and society, ... 46.60
East Jaffrey—Cong. church and society, ... 1.48
Eastham, Mass.—Rev. Ebenezer Chase, ... 2.00
Epping—Cong. church and society, ... 25.87
Farmington—Rev. D. D. Tappan, 10.00; Cong. church and society, 26.39, 36.39
Fitzwilliam—Cong. church and society, ... 11.96
Francestown—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Charles Cutler life member, ... 37.50
Franconia—Cong. church and society, ... 2.00
Franklin—Cong. church and society, ... 15.52
Gilmanton—Mrs. Sarah Sanborn, in part to constitute Ebenezer B. Sanborn life member, 5.00; Rev. R. M. Sargent, annual subscriber, two years, 4.00, ... 9.00
Gilsum—Cong. church and society, ... 19.45
Goffstown—Cong. church and society, ... 20.25
Gorham—Individuals, ... 5.00
Goshen—Cong. church and society, ... 13.70
Great Falls—First Cong. church and society, to constitute Hiram Wentworth, Martha Hanson, and in full Jeremiah W. Orange life members, ... 78.25
Great Falls—Second church, 13.75; Rev. E. Chapman, 5.00; both in part to constitute Rev. E. Chapman life member, . . . 18.75
Greenfield—Cong. church and society, ... 20.00
Greenland—Cong. church and society, ... 25.00
Groton—Cong. church and society, ... 6.00
Hampton—Cong. church and society, ... 14.00
Hanover—Dartmouth College church, to constitute Prof. E. D. Sanborn life member of A. H. M. S., 30.00; Mrs. E. E. Kimball, to constitute Miss Anna Elizabeth Kimball life member, 30.00, 60.00
Hanover—Center Cong. church and society, monthly concert, . . 11.00
Harrisville—Cong. church and society, ... 28.00
Haverhill—Cong. church and society, in full to constitute Jacob Bell and Daniel F. Merrill life members, ... 46.00
Hebron—Cong. church and society, ... 5.50
Henniker—Cong. church and society, to constitute Mrs. Grizy D. Rice life member, 37.57; the same, to constitute Carlos Childs and Worcester Morrison life members, 63.70, . . 101.27
Hinsdale—Cong. church and society, 10.42; Rev. Moses H. Wells, in part to constitute his daughter, Emelie H. Wells, life member, 10.00, ... 20.42
Hollis—Cong. church and society, 57.01; the same, for the A. H. M. S., 44.62, ... 101.63
Hooksett—Cong. church and society, ... 5.00
Hopkinton—Cong. church and society, ... 54.23
Keene—Cong. church and society, 21.42; Gentlemen's Association, 59.47; Ladies' Heshbon Society, 18.50; the same, for A. H. M. S., 4.25; monthly concert, 21.56, ... 125.20
Kingston—Cong. church and society, ... 7.00

Lancaster—Monthly Concert, ... 49.41
Langdon—Cong. church and society, ... 6.50
Lebanon—Cong. church and society, ... 14.00
Lempster—First church and society, ... 8.83
Laconia—Cong. church and society, 20.00; Rev. J. K. Young, in part to constitute his daughter, Ellen A. Young, life member, 5.00, 25.00
Litchfield—Presb. church and society, ... 12.00
Littleton—Cong. church and society, 13.21; William Brackett, 10.00; Sylvester Balch, 10.00; individuals, 0.63, ... 33.84
Londonderry—Presb. church and society, ... 7.00
Loudon—Cong. church and society, ... 2.02
Lyme—A friend, ... 1.00
Lyndeborough—Cong. church and society, ... 36.52
Manchester—First Cong. church and society, to constitute Hill Procter, Henry Tufts, William Hartshorn and David A. Bunton life members, 143.27; Eliza J. Cogswell, 2.00; Nancy Winch, 1.00, ... 146.27
Manchester—City Mission, Rev. Lyman Marshall and wife, . . 2.00
Marlborough—Cong. church and society, ... 9.84
Mason—Cong. church and society, ... 5.54
Mason Village—Cong. church and society, in part to constitute Marshall Kimball life member, ... 10.00
Meriden—Cong. church and society, 40.00; ditto, contributed in 1855, sent to another society, 43.00, ... 83.00
Meredith Village—Cong. church and society, including 5.00 from Rev. C. Burnham, to constitute Mrs. Susan Bean life member, 24.74; Mrs. Susan Sanborn, annual subscriber, 2.00, 26.74
Merrimack—Cong. church and society, ... 46.72
Mont-Vernon—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. William Conant and William Conant, Jr., life members, 127.50; Timothy Kittredge, in full to constitute Mary E. Kittredge life member, 5.00; Mrs. Frances Kittredge, in part life member, 5.00; C. B. Southworth, 8.00, ... 145.50
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge, 5.00; donation, annual subscriber, 2.00, ... 7.00
Milford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. S. G. Kendall life member, ... 35.74
Nashua—First church and society, 40.00; J. A. Wheat, in full to constitute Emma S. Wheat life member of A. H. M. S., 10.00, 50.00
Nashua—Olive street church and society, 110.00; monthly concert, 17.87, 127.87
Nashua—Pearl street church and society, for A. H. M. S., . . 56.90
Nelson—Cong. church and society, ... 20.00
New-Alstead—Cong. church and society, 13.00; Mrs. Betsey D. Newell, in part for life member, 10.00, ... 23.00
Newport—Cong. church and society, in part to constitute William Bascom life member, 26.25; ditto, in full to constitute Mrs. Lucy Reed life member, 4.00; second payment, 3.75, in full to constitute William Bascom life member; 30.00, to constitute Dexter Richards life member; 12.61, in full to con-

stitute Mrs. Nancy Wilcox life member; 12.35,* in part to constitute William T. Newton life member, and 17.48, in part to constitute Mrs. Isabella F. Wilcox life member—all receipted as from the Carpenter fund, . . . 83.30

Newmarket—Cong. church and society, ... 18.00

New-Ipswich—First Cong. church and society, ... 21.58

North-Hampton—Cong. church and society, ... 16.00

North-Sutton—Isaac Towle, ... 5.00

North-Sandwich—Individuals, ... 5.00

North-Wolfborough—Rev. Stephen Merrill, in part to constitute Mrs. Clarissa Merrill life member, ... 10.00

Orford, West—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Jonathan Clark life member, ... 31.59

Ossipee—Cong. church and society, in part to constitute —— —— life member, ... 21.50

Paper Mill Village—Cong. church and society, ... 4.00

Pelham—Cong. church and society, ... 30.24

Pembroke—Cong. church and society, ... 14.25

Peterborough—Cong. church and society, ... 19.65

Peterborough—Presb. church and society, ... 20.35

Pittsfield—Cong. church and society, 17.29; Dea. R. S. French, in full to constitute his daughter, Sarah C. French, life member, 5.00, ... 22.29

Plainfield—Cong. church and society, ... 14.00

Portsmouth, North—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. John Knowlton, Mrs. Nancy J. Knowlton, Dea. Daniel Knight, Mrs. Helen C. Knight, Miss Mary C. Rogers, Charles Myers and Rev. Lyman Whiting life members, . . . 200.00

Plymouth—Cong. church and society, 10.19; a friend, to constitute Cyrus Keniston life member, 30.00, and in full to constitute Deborah D. Keniston life member, 10.00; Rev. William R. Jewett, in part to constitute —— —— life member, 5.00; James McQueston, in part to constitute his wife life member, 5.00; Richard Bartlett, in part a life member, 5.00, 65.19

Raymond—Cong. church and society, ... 13.22

Rindge—Cong. church and society, 15.00; Ladies' Home Missionary Society, 22.56; Dea. J. B. Breed, 10.00, ... 47.56

Roxbury—Cong. church and society, 5.41; Rev. S. S. Arnold, to constitute Mrs. Naomi Arnold life member, 30.00, . . 35.41

Sanbornton—Cong. church and society, ... 20.00

Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society, 8.34; Rev. C. Curtice, 10.00, of which 11.00, in full to constitute Mrs. Martha A. Curtice life member, and the balance, 7.00, in part to constitute P. Whidden life member, ... 18.34

Salem—Cong. church and society, ... 6.25

South-Merrimack—Cong. church and society, ... 4.00

South-Newmarket—Cong. church and society, 13.35; Rev. W. Fifield, in part to constitute his daughter, Ann E. G., life member,

*This should have been acknowledged in the Report of the Bible Society.

5.00, ... 18.35

Stoddard—John Wilson, ... 2.00

Sullivan—Cong. church and society, to constitute Mrs. J. M. Norton life member, ... 30.00

Swanzey—Cong. church and society, 10.14; monthly concert, 14.32; Rev. Dr. Rockwood, 10.00; also, to constitute Mrs. Mary Dickinson life member of A. H. M. S., 30.00, . . 64.46

Tamworth—Cong. church and society, 26.00; Mrs. Betsey Marston, 10.00, 36.00

Temple—Cong. church and society, 16.00; monthly concert, 1.68, . 17.68

Thornton—Widow Phebe Foss, ... 1.00

Wakefield—Cong. church and society, ... 17.00

Walpole—Cong. Church and Society, to constitute —— —— life member, ... 22.00

Warner—Cong. church and society, ... 21.78

Washington—Cong. church and society, ... 10.00

Windham—Presb. church and society, ... 13.00

Winchester—Ladies' Home Missionary Society, to constitute Mrs. Mary Sabin life member, 30.00; in full S. H. Alexander, 9.50; in full to constitute G. H. T. Buffum, 18.10; in part to constitute Sarah Lock, 15.00, and in part to constitute Edward P. Alexander life member of the A. H. M. S., . . 76.00

Wentworth—Cong. church and society, ... 15.00

West Boscawen—Cong. church and society, ... 25.35

Wolfborough—Cong. church and society, 6.00; Mrs. Sarah W. Edgerly, 1.00, ... 7.00

West Lebanon—Cong. church and society, ... 23.00

LEGACIES.

Hillsborough—Legacy of John Gilchrist, ... 50.00

Mont-Vernon—Legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, ... 100.00

Pembroke—Legacy of Franklin and Caroline Hale, ... 100.00

OTHER RECEIPTS.

New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, ... 1595.51

Income of Permanent Fund, ... 87.78

Rockingham County Conference, to constitute the Cong. church in Raymond life member, ... 30.00

Coös County Conference, ... 10.10

Pew in meeting-house in Claremont sold, ... 36.92

E. L. Goddard, interest on donations, ... 1.36

TABLE

SHOWING THE PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51.63
1802—Concord,	386.63
1803—Concord,	300.46
1804—Concord,	405.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1520.68
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2638.90
1815—Keene,	2807.98
1816—Concord,	2633.36
1817—Exeter,	2395.05
1818—Dover,	2427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1712.56
1821—New-Ipswich,	1851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1755.13
1823—Acworth,	1846.20
1824—Londonderry, (Derry,)	2637.44
1825—Lyme,	1869.09
1826—Durham,	1872.07
1827—Rindge,	3263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1951.83
1829—Newport,	2416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2479.86
1831—Concord,	2371.34
1832—Amherst,	5820.75
1833—Keene,	5670.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4843.24
1835—Plymouth,	7795.24
1836—Exeter,	4942.02
1837—Claremont,	5506.14
1838—New-Ipswich,	5337.71
1839—Lyme,	4783.98
1840—Hampton,	4839.40
1841—Francestown,	5031.74
1842—Dover,	5435.90
1843—Nashua,	5830.38
1844—Concord, (South,)	7391.36
1845—Portsmouth,	4910.27
1846—Newport,	9027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge, (Laconia,)	6554.51
1848—Manchester, 1st church,	6992.18
1849—Plymouth,	6910.37
1850—Great Falls,	7367.94
1851—Acworth,	9954.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7896.50
1853—Littleton,	10461.21
1854—Derry,	8417.53
1855—Concord, 1st church,	7992.34
1856—Exeter, 1st church,	6690.47
1857—Keene,	8148.55
1858—Hampton,	6732.26
Total amount raised in fifty-seven years,	$232,433.12

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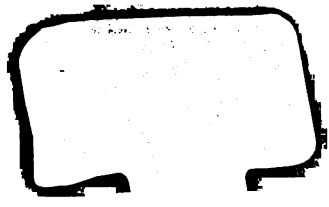
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